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MACEO IS NOT DEAD

Positive Denial of the Report Received at Dallas, Tex.

SAID TO BE IN PINAR DEL RIO

Sensational and Glorious News for the Insurgents Promised About Dec. 15---Weyler Back in Havana Province.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 11.—The head of the local Cuban committe last night received dispatches from Key West, making absolute denal of the Spanish report from Havana of the alleged killing of Gen. Antonio Maceo. The dispatches state that at 9 o'clock Wednesday night Maceo was safe in Pinar del Rio province and his army was making successful operations against Captain-General Weyler's forces; that by the turning of Weyler's left flank on Dec. 1 Maceo had captured more than 12,000 stands of arms and immense stores of ammunition, medicines and commissary supplies. The dispatches also state that within the next three days the Cubans are likely to turn Weyler's other flank and win a decisive victory. Francisco Gomez has not been with Maceo in any of his recent movements and is safe in Matanzas province. The head of the local committee said: "We know positively that the most sensational and glorious news for the patriots will come from Cuba on or about December 15. Texas is doing more to help the patriots than any other state in the union just now, and is favorably located for effective aid. Dallas and Galveston will be in closer confidential relations with Key West than will any point in the east for some time to come."

ALLEGED CONFIRMATION.

Maceo's Doctor Said To Have Surrendered and Told of the Rebel General's Death.

Havana, Dec. 11.—Dr. Maximo Zertucha, who was the personal physician of Antonio Maceo, the Cuban insurgent general, has surrendered to Col. Tort, the Spanish commander at San Felipe, this province. The doctor confirms the announcement that Maceo was killed on December 7, near Punta Brava, in an engagement between the insurgents and a Spanish column commanded by Major Cirujeda. Dr. Zertucha says that Maceo was shot in the chin, the bullet breaking his jaw and passing out near the neck and shoulders. A second bullet wounded him in the abdomen. Up to the time of sending this dispatch this morning nothing has been learned of the whereabouts of Maceo's body and nothing further has transpired to confirm the reports of his death except the above alleged surrender of his physician. La Lucha, the government organ, is the first paper here to speak editorially of President Cleveland's message. It publishes a long leader in which it examines all the points of the Cuban section of the message and makes severe criticism of the whole. The paper makes a vigorous protest against the aggressive parts of the message. It says, among other things: "The message is no more or no less than a series of hypotheses. It cannot please Spain, but it does not wrong her." It adds that Spaniards cannot admit intervention in their own affairs. They have spirit enough to repulse impositions and will except nothing degrading or circumscribing their right to conduct their own affairs. When their honor is concerned they are of the same rank as the people of the most powerful and colossal nation. La Union Constitucional says the lecture is unpleasant to Spain, but admits that Mr. Cleveland's language lacks haughtiness when compared with that which he used towards other powers. It adds that it expects that the message will result favorably to Spain. The tone of the article throughout is rather mild.

FEAR A STUDENT'S OUTBREAK.

Popular Demonstrations in Spain over News of Maceo's Death Prohibited.

Madrid, Dec. 11.—The demonstrations made yesterday over the report of the death of Maceo excited apprehension in the minds of government officials that the students here might become disorderly and cause trouble. As a consequence the governor of Madrid has issued an order forbidding a renewal of the students' manifestations. Senor Cos-Gayon, minister of the interior, has also sent orders to the governors of the various provinces directing them to prohibit any further popular demonstrations.

Denial Received at New York.

New York, Dec. 11.—Cubans in New York do not believe that Maceo is dead. As soon as Gen. Thomas Estrada Palma heard the report he telegraphed to his private informant at Key West, and this morning he received a dispatch which came to Key West from Cuban sources at Havana, absolutely denying that Maceo was dead. The dispatch read as follows: "Maceo passed the trocha December 4. Report of his death absolutely false. Contradict it on my authority." Gen. Palma said that the dispatch came from a source in which he had entire confidence, and that he believed Maceo to be still alive.

CONNECTICUT LIQUOR DECISION

An Important Victory of the State Law and Order League.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—By the decision of the New Haven county commissioners just rendered, refusing a license to Walter Scott, proprietor of the Waverley inn at Cheshire, the State Law and Order league has won its most important victory for several years. Scott has kept a hotel famous all over the state for its dinners served to transient patrons. When Cheshire was a no license town, detectives of the league visited his hotel and secured evidence by which he was convicted of selling liquors illegally, the case leading to prolonged litigation, partly in connection with the seizure of liquors worth some $1,500 found at his hotel. Then his friends organized and carried Cheshire last October by a small majority for license after a bitter contest, but now the protest of the league, on the ground of former conviction, against his securing a license has been sustained by the county commissioners, probably ending one of the most obstinate and protracted liquor contests in the history of the state. The decision is of much legal significance as against the granting of licenses to any persons once convicted of illicit liquor selling in Connecticut.

License Granted at Chester.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 11.—The county commissioners have settled the vexed question regarding the liquor fight in the town of Chester by granting a license to Barry Warren, of the Chester house, despite the remonstrance signed by over 100 citizens. Frank P. Smith, from whom Warren leased the bar, was forceed to remove from the hotel or the license would have been refused, as Smith's recent court convictions rendered the feeling so strong that had a license been granted with him as manager of the hotel part, an appeal on Warren's license would have been taken to the supreme court. No other petitions for license will be granted.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

Seaboard Air Line's Plan To Attract Immigration.

Baltimore, Dec. 11.—The Seaboard Air line, looking to the benefit of the agricultural interests of the country tributary to it and the enlargement of its efforts to attract immigration, has decided to establish 100 small experimental farms along the line of its road, giving one experimental farm to every ten miles of its system. It is proposed by the management to take 100 small tracts of land immediately along the line and under the direction of the best experts to utilize these farms for showing what can be done in the diversification of the farm interests and for the growing of field crops not now raised in the south, such as hops, broom corn, celery, sugar beets and other products which may be made to profitably diversify the agricultural interests of the region between Norfolk and Atlanta.

MORE CABINET RUMORS.

The Name of Judge McKenna of California the Lastest Addition to the List.

Canton, O., Dec. 11.—A new name has swung into prominence as a cabinet possibility from California and for the moment is more eagerly discussed than were the names of Judges De Haven and Waymire in their turn. The man of the hour with the unofficial makers of cabinets is Judge Joseph McKenna of California, who was appointed to the United States circuit bench by President Harrison. He is well known by the president-elect, and is an uncommonly available man of the highest character and standing. There seems to be some substance to the flow of talk about Judge McKenna.

Rev. F. H. Smith Released.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Rev. Frank Hyatt Smith of Cambridge, Mass., who has been confined at St. Elizabeth's hospital for the last year, has been released by order of Chief Justice Bingham of the District supreme court. Mr. Smith was indicted on a charge of sending scurrilous postal cards through the mails. Before trial, however, he was adjudged to be insane, and upon application of his counsel he was sent to the government hospital for the insane.

William Steinway's Will.

New York, Dec. 11.—By the will of the late famous piano manufacturer, William Steinway, just filed for probate, an estate valued at $2,500,000 is disposed of. Fifteen thousand dollars are left to charities in this country, 5,000 German reichmarks to Mr. Steinway's native town, Seesen, Germany, for charitable purposes, and the balance is divided among relatives.

Reported Zulu Outbreak Discredited.

London, Dec. 11.—The report from Cape Town that the Zulu chief Chickusi, with 30,000 warriors, is on the warpath, and that great anxiety is felt at Blantyre, where are quartered only 500 British troops, is not given credit here.

Drowned in a Flooded Colliery.

London, Dec. 11.—A colliery has been flooded at Abernant in the south of Wales, and 120 men who were in the mine had a race for their lives. Six of them were drowned.

NEW TARIFF BILL

Ways and Means Committee To Begin Its Preparation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE GRANTED

Decision at a Conference of the Republican Members of the Committee—Extra Session of Congress Now Evidently Certain.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The committee on ways and means will go to work at once to prepare a tariff bill. This was the conclusion reached by the republican members of the committee at a conference held last night in the rooms of Representative Grosvenor, called by Chairman Dingley, at which all of the republicans were present except Major Steel of Indiana, who was unavoidably detained. The conclusion reached was the unanimous expression of the members present. In the preparations of the bill, the committee will give hearings to all persons who are interested, and they will be conducted by the full committee. The first meeting of the committee will be held at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, at which time, if all the democratic members are present, the details of the hearings, the time when they shall begin, etc., will be agreed upon. In case Judge Turner of Geo'gia, the ranking member of the minority of the committee, should not be able to be present to-morrow, the meeting of the full committee will be postponed until such time as he can attend. So far as the members of the committee know, no person has yet been selected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of ex-Speaker Crisp, and the republican members of the committee stated that they had heard no names mentioned in connection with the appointment, except that of F. G. Newlands of Nevada. This determination of the republican members, of course, presupposes the calling of an extra session of congress shortly after the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, but after the adjournment of the conference they all disclaimed any direct knowledge upon the subject from the only source which could make the extra session a fact. General Grosvenor of Ohio, a member of the committee, talking to a United Associated Press reporter, said that no member had any positive information on the subject but they all knew that the chances were ten to one that an extra session would be called. In explanation of the action of the conference, General Grosvenor said:

Gen. Grosvenor Explains the Plan.

"The committee will open its doors to all persons representing interests affected by the tariff who can be heard while the preparation of the bill is in progress. You know that in perfecting a measure of that kind the schedules are first laid out, and then the rates of duty are inserted, and these are subject to change from day to day, as the committee may obtain information upon the articles to which they relate. What will be done by the committee, its method of procedure, the examination of witnesses and all matters pertaining to the hearings, were discussed in a general way last night, but no determination was reached respecting them." "When will the hearings probably begin?" "I think week after next," the general replied. "They cannot well be entered upon earlier, for want of time in which to prepare." Other members expressed the opinion that the bill to be prepared would propose a system of rules moderate in amount, as compared with those of the McKinley bill in 1890.

REPLY TO SENATOR QUAY.

Statement Issued by the Executive Committee of Business Men's League.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—The executive committee of the Philadelphia branch of the National League of Business Men has sent out a lengthy reply to Senator Quay's criticisms of the organization. It says in part: "Not only the members of the various branches of the National League of Business Men throughout Pennsylvania, but the great mass of business men generally, must have been startled at the remarkable language used by Senator Quay. Never in their wildest moments did popocratic orators in the late campaign, use language more demagogic and communistic in their appeals to the so-called 'masses' against the so-called 'classes.' He out-herods Herod and out-Bryans Bryan." The statement then says it is easy to discern Mr. Quay's dislike of the business men, and asserts that he was hostile to the nomination of McKinley, but the business men rallied to the support of the Ohio man and he was victorious. It is also asserted that Mr. Quay may be contemplating the nomination of Senator Cameron to a second term, but without declaring any warfare against him, propose that he shall not dictate the selection of his own colleague and thus have two seats instead of one in the United States senate."

Inventor of Nitro-glycerine Dead.

Rome, Dec. 11.—Alfred Noble, whose death is just reported at San Remo, was the inventor of nitro glycerine, and is believed to have left a large fortune.

LOSS OF THE SALIER

Report That Over Two Hundred Emigrants Were on Board.

FEARED THAT ALL HANDS PERISHED

Loss of the Salier Another of the Series of Great Disasters That Have Attended the Fortunes of the German Lloyd Steamship Company.

Corruna, Dec. 11.—The report of the loss of the North German Lloyd steamship Salier off the Spanish coast is confirmed. The vessel carried a crew of sixty, and all hands went down with the ship. She left Corruna on Dec. 7 for Villagarcia, Spain, and foundered in the heavy gale which recently prevailed off the Spanish coast.

The Salier, then commanded by Capt. Wampa, left Baltimore on Sept. 9 for Bremen, where she arrived on Sept. 23. She was subsequently contracted to be sold to an Italian firm, but had not been delivered. She was loaded with coal when she was lost. She was a brig-rigged screw steamer, built at Hull, England, in 1875. The loss of the Salier is another of a series of disasters that have attended the fortunes of the North German Lloyd Steamship company. It calls to mind the frightful loss of life that occurred on the morning of July 30, 1895, when the steamer Elbe, belonging to that company, was run into in the North sea and sunk by the British steamer Craithie. Of the 372 passengers on board the Elbe all except twenty-two, mostly members of the crew perished. Of all the women passengers only one, Anna Bueckner, was saved. The survivors were picked up by a fishing smack, after having been adrift in a small boat for several hours. The night was bitterly cold and the survivors were in a pitiable condition, half frozen, and their scanty clothing covered with ice. They were so exhausted that it was three hours after they were landed at Lowestoft before they could give any connected account of the disaster.

Says 200 Emigrants Were on Board.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Persistent reports reach here from Madrid that more than 200 emigrants took passage on the Salier at Corunna and that all of them were lost.

Discredited by Lloyd's Agents.

London, Dec. 11.—Lloyd's agents here discredit the report that a large number of emigrants were on board the steamer Salier, but they are not sure. A dispatch received here from Bremen asserts that there were 210 passengers on the steamer, including one German, 113 Russians, 35 Galicians and 61 Spaniards, and adds that it is feared that all of them were lost.

Chinese Minister Not Acceptable.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The government of Germany has notified the Chinese government that the selection of Hwang Tsum Hsien as minister of China at Berlin, as announced from Pekin on Nov. 24, is not acceptable to Germany, for the reason that Germany had not previously been consulted in the choice of a minister to succeed Hsu Ching Cheng at Berlin, and because Hwang Tsum Hsien is not of sufficiently exalted rank.

Yale's Representatives Selected.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 11.—F. A. Lehlbach, '98, and W. M. Murdoch, '98 S., will represent Yale in the intercollegiate chess tournament. L. A. Cook, 1900, and H. C. Robbins, '99, will act as substitutes. Arvine, '98 L. S., tied Murdoch, '98 S., for second place in the university tournament, but is not eligible to represent Yale, as he is a member of the graduate department.

West and Johnson Matched.

New York, Dec. 11.—Tommy West of Boston, who fought a nineteen-round draw with Joe Walcott on Wednesday evening, was matched last night to box Charley Johnson of Minnesota twenty rounds, before the Myers Athletic club of Albany, N. Y., on Tuesday evening January 12, 1897, for a purse of $2,000.

Liliuokalani in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii arrived from Honolulu yesterday on the steamship China. The fact of the ex-queen's arrival did not leak out for some time. Her present whereabouts are unknown.

Weyler Returns to Havana Province.

Havana, Dec. 11.—Capt.-Gen. Weyler, at the head of a column of troops, has arrived in the province of Havana from the province of Pinar del Rio.

Watching American Fishermen.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 11.—The government has ordered the utmost vigilance in enforcing the revenue laws among the American frozen herring fleet now visiting the south coast.

Two Boys Drowned While Skating.

Clayton, N. Y., Dec. 11.—While skating on the South Bay last night Fred and John Bush, two boys, aged 9 and 10 years respectively, broke through the ice and perished before the eyes of their mother, who boldly plunged in after them. Mrs. Bush was rescued with much difficulty.

PAPER MEN COMBINE.

Manufacturers Reach a Practical Agreement To Pool Their Interests.

New York, Dec. 11.—The principal manufacturers of white paper used by newspapers, after numerous conferences, have reached a practical agreement to pool interests and to deal with consumers only through a general agency, which is to be established in this city. The plan involves the formation of a national association, capitalized at a moderate amount, which is to control the product of all the mills. By this arrangement the manufacturers expect to reduce running expenses, to reorganize the trade and to promote friendlier business relations between all concerned. They expressly deny that prices will be advanced as a result of the proposed agreement, but contend that they are obliged to follow the example of other men directing great industries and co-operate to prevent ruinous competition.

MARIA BARBERI FREE.

The Italian Girl, Once Under Sentence of Death, Acquitted.

New York, Dec. 11.—The second trial of Maria Barberi, charged with the murder of her betrayer, Domenico Cataldo, ended last evening, the jury rendering a verdict of not guilty. The trial lasted seventeen days, and a large amount of testimony showing that the woman was afflicted with epilepsy and not responsible for her actions at the time of the murder was submitted. When the verdict was announced the prisoner was discharged from custody, and at once went to the home of her parents. On the first trial Maria Barberi was convicted of murder in the first degree, and was sentenced to be electrocuted at Sing Sing prison. Her counsel appealed the case to the court of appeals where the verdict was set aside and a new trial ordered.

THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET.

A Bill Introduced To Compel Its Selection from Members of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative Barrett, rep., Mass., has introduced a bill which requires the president to select the members of his cabinet from either the house of representatives or the senate, with the exception that the secretory of the treasury shall be a member of the house, and the secretary of state shall be a member of the senate. While holding the cabinet portfolios they shall retain their membership in the house to which they have been elected, receiving the pay of cabinet officials, but nothing for their congressional service. When they cease to become members of congress, they shall at the ~~same time~~ cease to be members of the cabinet.

BOSTON EXCISE BOARD.

Gov. Wolcott Interferes in the Granting of Licenses in Suburban Towns.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Governor-elect Wolcott has interfered in the policy of the police board of Boston with reference to the granting of liquor licenses in the suburban residential districts of this city, or the transfer to these sections of licenses from other districts, and has written a letter to the board (which is appointed by the governor) in which he practically calls a halt in this direction. The result is that no more saloons will be placed in the outlying wards of the city at present.

Recent Central Vermont Accident.

Rockville, Conn., Dec. 11.—Coroner Phelps has rendered a verdict in regard to the recent railroad accident on the Central Vermont railroad near Mansfield, when Engineer Hall, Fireman Hall and Brakeman Thomas of Brattleboro, Vt., were killed. He finds that their deaths were caused by the explosion of the boiler of the engine while going at a high rate of speed, the cause being unknown. He finds that the men were competent and that their death was not caused by the criminal act or carelessness of any person or persons.

The Turkish Problem.

London, Dec. 11.—The truth about the reported agreement for the settlement of the Turkish problem is that the powers agreed upon a joint peremptory demand on Turkey for specific reforms on the return of Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador to Constantinople. But Russia absoldtely excludes coercive measures, so that no practical result is expected in reliable quarters.

Trouble at Lorenzo Marques.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—The German and Dutch consulates at Lorenzo Marques, Portuguese East Africa, have been attacked, a British flag torn to shreds, and the Dutch consul wounded. Germany has, in consequence, demanded satisfaction of Portugal. The Cologne Gazette says that the German warship Condor is on her way from Port Natal to Lorenzo Marques.

The Trouble in Madagascar.

Paris, Dec. 11.—Dispatches received from Antananarivo, capital of the island of Madagascar, announce that the insurgents, during the night of November 18, looted Ambohimanga, ten miles from Antananarivo. The insurgents captured forty prisoners and all the cattle. The English residents had a narrow escape from being massacred.

WORK IN CONGRESS

Business Transacted at a Great Pace by the House.

NEW RECORD FOR ACTIVITY PROMISED

Sarcastic and Humorous Political Discussion---Further Delay for the Immigration Bill---Senate Not in Session To-day.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Although the senate is not in session to-day, that fact had no effect upon the proceedings in the house, where business is still being transacted at a great pace, and before adjournment this evening it is expected that the record of passed bills which has been continued each day since congress convened will have been exceeded or at least equalled. The house yesterday indulged in its first political discussion, sarcastic and humorous in its nature. It was provoked by the consideration of a bill amending the law prohibiting the alien ownership of lands in the territories so as to permit aliens to acquire under foreclosure of mortgage and hold the land for ten years, within which period they must dispose of it. Mr. Hepburn asked by what right a delegate from the territories sought to change a law now in accordance with the platform the inhabitants had approved by their votes at the last election. A breezy discussion ensued, in which the ethics of populism were considered, taking a wide range, and so conducted as to afford considerable amusement to the members. The territorial delegates urged the passage of the bill as a matter of justice to their people, who were now deprived of the power to receive investments of foreign capital; but the house refused to pass the bill to a third reading. Under call of committees, bills were passed prohibiting the sale of liquor in the capitol building, and protecting the rights of dramatic authors and musical composers in their productions. The bill to define the rights of purchasers of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad under foreclosure of the mortgage, authorized by the act of April 20, 1871, was laid over until Monday next, after having been amended so as to forbid the issue of capital stock by the new corporation for full value at par, on account of money paid in, or labor or material furnished, and approved by the secretary of the interior. Hon. C. J. Boatner, elected from the Fifth Louisiana district to fill the vacancy occasioned by the action of the House at the last session declared his seat vacant, appeared and took the oath of office.

The Senate.

The senate is not in session to-day, having adjourned from last evening until Monday next, when the first business before that body is the immigration bill, which has held the attention of the senate for so long a time. Messrs. Lodge and Chandler are disappointed, but not discouraged, by the many delays to which this bill has been subjected and will bend every effort toward having the measure forwarded as speedily as possible. The independence of Cuba and the recognition of the insurgents as a regularly organized government had two advocates in the senate yesterday in the persons of Senators Cullom and Call. Mr. Cullem delivered a carefully prepared speech in support of his views, while Mr. Call contented himself with a brief discussive statement. The bill to restrict immigration was taken up as the unfinished business—a motion by Mr. Gibson to postpone its consideration until the first Monday in January was defeated, 13 to 37. Various amendments to the text of the bill were offered or suggested, but no action was taken on any of them.

A Family of Suicides.

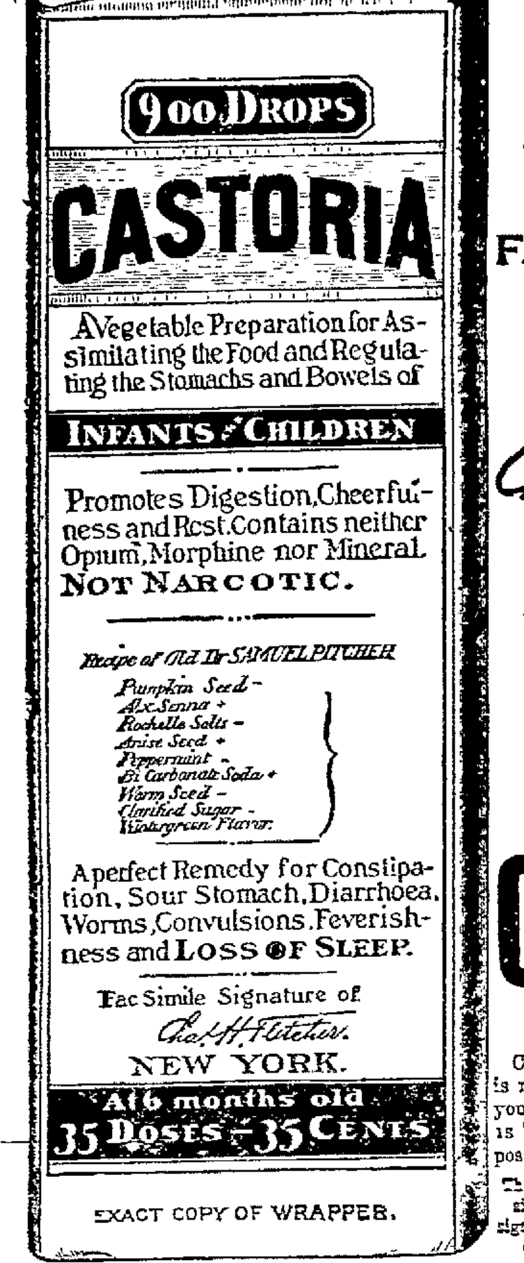
Newburgh, N. Y., Dec. 11.—John J. Corwin committed suicide here last evening by hanging. Some years ago both his parents committed suicide, the father by shooting and the mother by cutting her throat. Corwin cordially greeted his friends on the street yesterday and gave no indications of depression or of melancholy. When he went home last evening he greeted his wife in a pleasant manner and going up stairs hanged himself in the bath room.

Taxation at New Britain, Conn.

Hartford, Dec. 11.—The board of assessors of New Britain will not comply with the state law requiring that property be assessed at its full value. Some weeks ago they were notified by the state board of equalization to comply with the law, but the notification came too late, as the work of assessing all the property had been finished. All property has been assessed at half value.

The Fitz-Sharkey Case.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Geo. Allen, Tom Sharkey's assistant trainer, occupied the witness stand most of the second day's hearing in behalf of Bob Fitzsimmons. His testimony was strongly corroborative of that given by Billy Smith and tended to show the alleged conspiracy by which the Cornishman was robbed of the decision of the recent fight.



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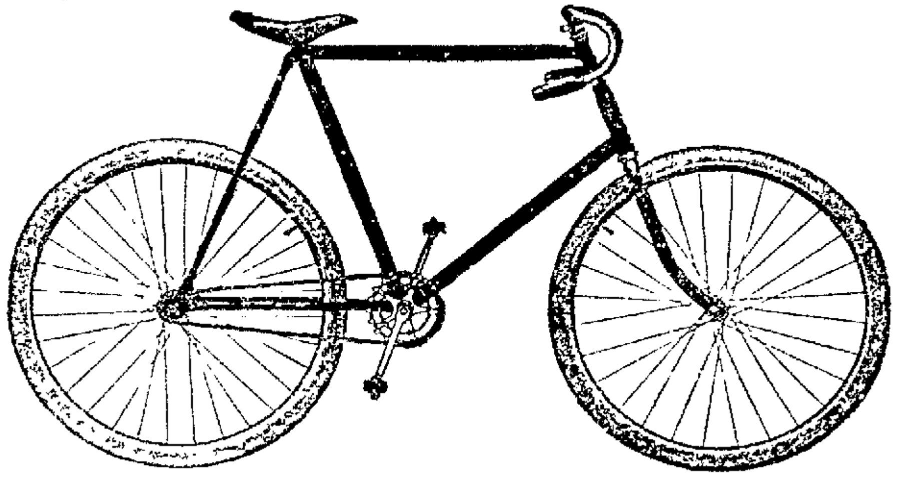

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A LIBERAL-MINDED LOSER.

His Experience Was Expensive and He Didn't Have the Fun.

"What is that big book in the corner?" said the young man who had called at young Mr. Easylad's apartments, says the Detroit Free Press.

"That's my scrap book."

"Full of pictures and poetry and stuff, I suppose?"

"No. Souvenirs. Take a look into it."

Lifting the ponderous volume to a table the visitor opened it and exclaimed: "Why, this looks like a collection of lottery tickets."

"That shows you never played the races. They're tickets that the bookmakers gave me in exchange for a liberal percentage of my income. They're certificates of stock in enterprises that never declared a dividend. They're receipts for a liberal fee in a long course of tuition in the school of experience."

"Most people tear up things like these, do they not?"

"Yes. But I saved them. I wanted them to remind me of the good times I paid for and never had. They represent experiences that belong to the poetic past and which will never be repeated."

"You mean that you are going to stay away from the race track hereafter?"

"Yes."

"That shows your good sense. It costs a lot of money in the end."

"I don't begrudge the money so much. It wasn't my cupidity that rebelled. It was my pride."

CLEVER SEA DOG.

This Canine Chews Tobacco and Blows Out a Match.

"Grip" is the name given to a remarkable dog that follows the fortunes of the Neptune liner Ohio, on account of the tenacious hold of life he has shown, he having fallen from the ship into mid-ocean no less than three times, says the New York Journal. He is a cross between a Bedlington and a Skye terrier, and does many things that other dogs do not do.

He will eat raw potatoes ravenously, but will not touch meat. The sailors have taught him to chew tobacco, and he has developed a taste for whisky and water, under the influence of which he does many foolish things and shows a bad temper.

He will blow out lighted matches. He has one trick of standing on his hind legs and by a little twist throwing into the air and thence into his mouth any article placed on his nose.

His greatest accomplishment is to select at word of command a given coin out of a collection composed of a half-penny, penny, sixpence, shilling and half-crown, which are laid on the floor of the captain's cabin. Grip being sent below, with the command: "Bring me the shilling," or whatever it may be that is asked for.

Victoria's Larder.

When a dinner is given at Windsor or Buckingham palace fish to a huge outlay of money is ordered, but for ordinary family dinner three kinds of fish are put on the table, whiting being almost invariably one of them. A sirloin of beef is cooked every day and put on the sideboard cold for luncheon. Her majesty's wine, which is well known to be incomparable, is kept in the cellar of St. James' palace and is sent in basketfuls of three dozen to wherever her majesty may be, this being done more for the household and guests than for herself, as when alone she drinks only very weak whisky and water with her meals, by her physician's orders.

When the Heart Rests.

Nature takes the time when one is lying down to give the heart rest, and that organ consequently makes ten strokes less a minute than when one is in an upright posture. Multiply that by 60 minutes, and it is 600 strokes. Therefore, in eight hours spent in lying down the heart is saved nearly 5,000 strokes, and, as the heart pumps six ounces of blood with each stroke, it lifts 30,000 ounces less of blood in a night of eight hours spent in bed than when one is in an upright position. As the blood flows so much more slowly through the veins when one is lying down, one must supply with extra covering the warmth usually furnished by circulation.

The Little Finger.

Adepts in palmistry assert that the length of the fourth or little finger is the most imporant sign in the hand. There is no man, they say, who rises to importance in any line of life without a long and straight little finger.

KNEW HE WAS GUILTY.

How a Judge Disposed of a Case in Spite of an Obstinate Jury.

In the attorneys' room in the supreme court in Auburn, after court or in its intermissions, they sometimes blaze away. "I remember the time," said one of the attorneys, according to the Lewiston (Me.) Journal, "in the days when Col. Littlefield was sheriff, that Judge Walton was presiding and the jury was out on a rum case. They had been out a long time and Judge Walton was rather nervous and wanted a verdict. To his clear and far-seeing mind, the most remarkable in many ways that ever held jurisdiction in New England, there was no excuse for any prolonged consideration of the case by any jury. Leaning back, seemingly lost in thought, he suddenly sat bolt upright and beckoned to Col. Littlefield, and the sheriff walked up in that quiet way of his.

"'Colonel,' said Judge Walton—'Mr. Sheriff, I should say—see if that respondent won't plead guilty provided his fine is put at $50.' Col. Littlefield smiled and went over and talked with the prisoner. It took but a few minutes, and in less time than it could be told he had retracted his plea, pleaded guilty and had been fined. Then the court sent out for the jury. 'Gentlemen,' said he, 'it seems that some of you are not yet satisfied in your minds that the prisoner is guilty.' The jury looked at each other. 'Is that a fact, gentlemen?' 'It is, please the court,' said the foreman. 'Well, then, for your edification I will say that the prisoner himself is quite well satisfied that he is guilty, for he has pleaded guilty and has been fined. You are excused from further consideration of the case.'"

PUTS UP HIS UMBRELLA.

How a Thrifty Stranger Secures a Good Lunch in Chicago.

He was a man of uncertain age, as they say of ladies of unknown birth dates. He was well dressed and carried a handsome silk umbrella under his arm when he entered the lunch-room the other night. He walked up to the proprietor, to whom he was a stranger, and engaged him in conversation. He was a man of good appearance and apparently of rather good education. His words were well chosen and he displayed considerable powers of observation. After a time he announced that he was hungry and had no money, says the Chicago Post.

"Can I put up this umbrella for a lunch?" he asked. "I will be down again to-morrow."

"Well," said the proprietor, slowly, examining the umbrella, "it's against our rules, but I guess so."

So saying he turned to a waiter and directed him to serve the customer, who still retained the umbrella and placed it by his side. The stranger made a good meal, thanked the waiter for the attendance and rose from his seat. He quietly spread the umbrella and calmly walked out.

"Here," said the proprietor, rushing for him. "I thought you were to put up that umbrella for your lunch?"

"Well, it's up, ain't it?" was the quiet rejoinder, as the man rapidly moved on. The proprietor scratched his head, mused a bit and then agreed that the trick was worth the lunch.

That is how the stranger fed well without having the price.

LAGOON OF VENICE.

An Important Engineering Work Completed for Its Benefit.

A great engineering work of immense importance to the City of Venice has just been completed, says the London Standard. Fifty-eight years ago, in order to prevent the damage caused by the occasional overflowing of the River Brenta, the Austrian government, on the recommendation of the celebrated engineer, Paleocapa, carried out certain works by which the mouths of that river were carried into the Chioggia lagoon, some distance south of their original outlet. Since then the alluvium brought down by the river has threatened to convert a portion of Chioggia lagoon into a fever-breeding swamp, and also to cause serious damage to the whole Venice lagoon by silting.

It was accordingly decided to construct a new channel for the Brenta, 16 kilometers in length, giving the river a direct outlet to the sea, near Brondolo, still further south. The scheme, which was estimated to cost 8,000,000 lire, and was begun in 1881, has now been brought to a successful conclusion. The new channel, by means of subsidiary canals, also provides a fresh outlet for the Bacchiglione and other rivers formerly flowing into the Venice lagoon.

Reading Telegrams by Sound.

The late Charles L. Chapin was probably the first man to read telegraphic messages by sound. When he was in charge of Cornell's line from New York to Erie the lettered dial was universally used, but he taught himself to read the messages by sound. The operators under him had been in the habit of sending private messages over the wire, and it was impossible to stop them. Finally an operator tried to get excused for a day's fishing. He telegraphed to the operator in Mr. Chapin's office, asking to get Mr. Chapin to let him off. Mr. Chapin was sitting with his back to the instrument when the message came in, and, without turning around, he said to the operator: "Tell him no!" The man was so surprised that he almost fell off his chair. Eventually Mr. Chapin divulged his secret, and now reading by sound is universal.

India's Languages.

India has hundreds of dialects, which may all be classed under three great heads, the Sanscrit, Pracrit and Magadhi. The Sanschit is the fundamental language, and that of the Vedas; the Pracrit, the vernacular language in many dialects, and the Magadhi or Misra is that of Ceylon and the islands.

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EAST UNIONVILLE.

Many Interesting Personal Notes—Wedding Invitations—A Runaway.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—E. L. McCarrick is spending a few weeks visiting friends at Beemerville and Deckertown.

—A party of five Middletowners took dinner, last Sunday, at E. C. Rutan's.

—Bert Harden is moving over the mountain to work for his father-in-law.

—Fred Davenport, of Warwick, spent a portion of last week at E. C. Rutan's.

—Invitations are out for the Decker—Johnson wedding, Dec. 30.

—Mrs. A. C. Keepers and son, Willie, are spending a few weeks at Tottonville, L. I.

—Mrs. Emma Hamilton, of New York, is visiting her parents.

—Mr. Hunt moved last week in E. L. Brown's corner house.

—Mrs. Parker entertained a company of friends, last Sunday.

—One of our valley farmers has just finished digging his potattoes.

—Colds are very prevalent in this valley

—A. D. Hough, the Westtown butcher, met with a runaway last week. Somewhere near H. S. Clark's the horse, which is a very spirited one, became frightened by one side of the shaft dropping down and ran away, upsetting the wagon and dragging Mr. H. in the top for some distance until he was released from his perilous position by the top being torn to shreds. Mr. Hough was cut about the head and arm. The horse was badly cut also, but with the assistance of J. I. Van Sickle he was soon fixed up.

COMMON PLAIN FOOD.

Is is Best for Children or Adults.

Natural grains, meat and fruit will make good blood if the digestive machinery of the body is not interfered with.

The blood when first made goes into the arteries and is of a bright red color. After it has been used some in supplying the body, it is carried into the veins and is there a dark red or purple color. Blood contains the elements to nourish and build up the body, such as iron, soda, lime, albumen, etc.

When the powers of the stomach and the bowels are reduced by lack of vitality or by putting coffee and tea into the stomach the processes which nature goes through with to change the food into rich, red blood are seriously interfered with.

If a man could see what a "wet blanket" he put over his hard working friend, the stomach, by putting in coffee, whiskey or tobacco, when it was honestly toiling away to do its work well, he would never repeat the outrage and injustice. It is like striking your friend a vicious blow when he is delving away for you with might and main. Don't do it. One feels more respect for himself when he acts the man and permits no form of abuse to strangle and spoil the beautiful work being done for him in the human body. No sort of fun on earth is equal to the fun of being thoroughly well.

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Medicines are poor crutches. The only safety is to use food and drink that the Creator intended for man, and when this is done the diseases and sick spells gradually disappear.

Common sense is quite uncommon except with those who give themselves a shaking now and then and look plainly at what they are doing. If a person knows coffee don't hurt him, let him stick to it until he does, then such people thoroughly appreciate Postum. Grocers and druggists testify to large sales, and the steady use of those who once try it, is evidence of its taking ways.

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CUTTING OFF COREANS' PIGTAIL.

Great Grief Over an Edict of the Japanese Conquerors.

Rev. A. F. Moore, a missionary of the Presbyterian church for four years in Seoul, Corea, arrived at San Francisco on the steamer Rio en route for home, accompanied by his family.

Some months ago the Japanese, who dictated the appointment of the Corean cabinet, caused the Japanese police to cut off the hair, or topknot, so called, of a great many Coreans. The topknots are a sign of distinction. They are worn only by married men, and no man is supposed to have properly asserted himself until he is married and has a topknot.

The cutting off of these appendages caused great grief. There were many remonstrances and increased dissatisfaction. However, things have so far improved now that an edict has gone forth allowing the Coreans to wear their topknots. The consequence is that many whose hair was cut off have collected it again and fastened it on, so that their happiness has been re-established.

The gentleman says that many of the Coreans are embracing Christianity. He says there is great disquiet in Corea, and that bands of dissatisfied natives are going about the country robbing and pillaging. Travelers are not safe.

The king, whose consort was murdered over a year ago, is still at the Russian legation and largely under its control. There is much dissatisfaction because of this. A new palace is being built near the legation for the king.

CHANGING SILVER INTO GOLD.

A Chemical Test Which Has No Application to the Sixteen to One Theory.

Prof. Emmons, one of the most skilled metallurgists in the country, claims that in the reduction of silver the molecules are so subdivided as to differ so materially from that metal that they can no longer be regarded as the same substance, but a new one, and apparently the parent of both gold and silver, or the raw material out of which, by a different arrangement of molecules, either gold or silver is constructed. Working on this theory, says the Popular Science News, he finds that this new metallic substance can be aggregated into molecules of greater density than silver, and precisely corresponding with gold in color, in weight, so as to answer to every test of the United States mint as gold. In fact, he says it is gold, though manufactured from silver, of as much purity and value as that ever obtained in any other way. With further experiments on a large scale he expects that the process of manufacturing gold from silver will be very materially cheapened. At present he gets about four ounces of gold from six of silver. This would seem to indicate that the present number of elements as well as our chemistry of metals would have to be revised, if Prof. Emmons is not mistaken in his experiments.

FINANCIAL REVERSES.

Disappointment of an Investor Who Over worked the Market.

They had been talking about trusts and the immense profit realized by capital, according to the Washington Star.

"A man is never satisfied, however big the gains may be," remarked the man with the patient expression.

"Yes," said the plump-looking citizen with a meerschaum cigar-holder; "no matter what a person achieves, he is always haunted by the thought that he might have done better. The trouble about making money rapidly is that a man fails to be content with a fair percentage of gain on his investment."

"I have a friend who is exactly that way. He turns up his nose at a mere 100 per cent. or so."

"He must be a plunger."

"No; he's a conservative investor."

"What does he handle?"

"Well, you might call them government obligations."

"He must have a new kind of a good thing."

"He used to have. But he's lost me. And it's positively distressing to read what he says because the two-cent stamp he recently bought to put on a letter to me didn't realize the usual dividend of five dollars."

Microbes Devour Sewage.

A novel disposition of sewage is made at Exeter, England. The method consists of four tanks, a fourth of the sewage passing into each. Light and air are excluded from the tanks; putrefaction and decomposition are rapidly set up; the microbes multiply and the solid portions of the sewage are consumed, and the outflow from the tanks is nothing but slightly colored water, which, after passing through filters, loses all color and taste. No chemical is used and no attention to the tanks of any sort is needed. Each filter bed automatically cleanses itself by being out of use for a short time.

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NOT OF MUCH CONSEQUENCE.

His Ultimate Destination Did Not Concern the English Traveler.

Rev. Dr. John Watson, "Ian Maclaren," has a clever way of telling a story, as the readers of his books know full well. In a recent lecture to the Yale students he amused those young gentlemen with a number of excellent anecdotes. One of these concerned a railroad trip which Dr. Watson once took, says the Troy Times. Sitting near him in the carriage were an elderly gentleman and a good, worthy man who believed he had the care of every human soul in his keeping. The worthy man leaned over to the elderly man, who was a rugged type of John Bull, and asked him: "Do you know where you are going to?" "What?" exclaimed the elderly gentleman. "I say, do you know where you are going to?" "Liverpool," was the reply. "Oh, I didn't mean that," exclaimed the worthy man. "Didn't mean that!" shouted the elderly gentleman, now thoroughly aroused. "If this is the Bradford express it must be stopped. I want to go to Liverpool," and with that he made a dive for the bell rope. "He probably would have reached it," continued Dr. Watson, "and stopped the train had I not intervened and told the elderly man he was on the train for Liverpool." "What did you mean, then?" inquired the elderly man, rather sharply. "I simply wanted to ask you whether you were going to Heaven or hell," was the reply. "Oh, that's all right!" exclaimed the elderly gentleman, apparently greatly relieved; "but I thought you were speaking of a far more serious matter."

HOW THE DERVISHES FIGHT.

Their Wonderful Valor, Magnificent Bravery and Amazing Coolness.

The dervishes have lost nothing of their valor, says the London Times. They heed death as little as ever. I saw them stand undismayed in the open and fight with dogged determination in the face of our volley fire. They fought on with rifle and spear and knife when charged by the cavalry. Each wounded dervish, as he lay bleeding to death on the ground, was a dangerous and treacherous foe until he had breathed his last. They even did what some authorities have denied that any troops, however brave, would do—they stood in groups firing steadily into our ranks while our maxim guns poured their streams of bullets on them and mowed them down like grass.

I doubt whether any other men in the world would have stood, as these men stood, for nearly two hours, against such fearful odds as were opposed to them. But, if one may judge from this fight, the dervishes have changed their old tactics. They have to a great extent abandoned the reckless rush of spearsmen which used to distinguish Soduanese warfare and rely more on rifle fire, in which their practice has considerably improved. If trained and disciplined—but it is very doubtful whether that savage beast of prey the Baggara ever could be tamed—these men would make magnificent infantry. They display now as much magnificent coolness when acting on the defensive as they did in their furious charges of former campaigns.

THE SULTAN'S WAY.

How He Makes Life Sad for Newspaper Men.

Abdul Hamid Khan, sultan of Turkey, "Successor of the Prophet," "Father of Sovereigns," "Refuge of the World" and several other things in the way of titles, contrives to make the lot of journalists within his dominions anything but a happy one. Here are a few of the Turkish press restrictions: The health of the sultan or any member of his family must not be discussed. If the crops are poor the fact must not be hinted at. Turkish commerce is another tabooed subject. Nothing must be criticised—not even the weather. No literary or scientific articles are to be published unless they can be completed in the same issue, because the use of the phrase "to be continued" causes "vexatious" suspense to the readers. Spaces or points to imply the omission of a name or letter of a word are absolutely interdicted, because they are apt to stimulate the imagination of the reader and give ground for "misinterpretations contrary to loyal expressions and ideas." Personalities must not be indulged in on any account. If rumor should arise as to officials being suspected of embezzlement, extortion, assassination, or the like, the rumor is to be considered unfounded, and all reference to it entirely suppressed. News of assassinations or attempts to assassinate foreign rulers or of conspiracies must not be printed, as the sultan considers it "undesirable" that such information should be imparted "to his loyal and peaceful subjects."

And He Didn't Get Married.

"Still a bachelor? When I met you last spring you told me you were soon to be married."

"I did talk seriously of it, but found that the state of my finances demanded that I either remain single or get along without a bicycle."—Detroit Free Press.

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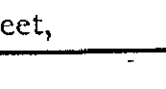

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FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 1896

This morning's New York papers were filled with accounts of crimes of violence and bold burglaries committed in the territory adjacent to the metropolis, and nearly every exchange that comes to this office tells of burglaries and robberies committed in the locality where it is published. Tramps were never so numerous nor so bold and desperate, and it is evident that the authorities must resort to extreme measures if the lives and property of citizens are to be safe.

The Cuban Junta claims to have information that Gen. Maceo is still alive, but evidence is accumulating which seems to confirm the report of his death. If he has been killed his death is a severe loss to the Cuban cause, but the insurgents know that no mercy awaits them if they surrender and will fight with the same desperate courage, if not with the same confidence, under a new leader. And when a cause is just a leader is always found who is equal to the occasion.

For once the expected has happened, and Marie Barberi has been acquitted of the murder of her betrayer. The whole conduct of the trial, and especially the wide latitude allowed the defense in the introduction of irrelevant testimony, which, of course, had its effect on the jury, made an acquittal almost inevitable. Epilepsy and resulting irresponsibility were the pretexts for the verdict, which, however, really rests on the undeniable fact that the "wild justice of revenge" is the only remedy for such wrongs as Marie suffered. Pure sentiment is sometimes stronger than ironclad law.

The Livingston Manor *Ensign*, discussing the law exempting property purchased with pension money from taxation, says that the measure is so loosely drawn and so carelessly administered that it works much injustice. As a case in point it cites a school district in Sullivan county where the school tax roll bears fourteen names, thirteen of these being pensioners. Should they all claim exemption, the whole burden of maintaining the school would be thrown on the one non-pensioner, and the *Ensign* truly says "his only alternative would be to abandon his farm or burn the school house."

The Union League has endorsed the candidacy of Joseph H. Choate and has voted for the appointment of a committee to visit Albany and urge on the Legislature his nomination and election to the United States Senate. The fight is therefore on between Mr. Platt and his machine and the men who put up the cash for Republican campaigns. The chances are in favor of Platt, but the action of the Union Leaguers makes it certain that the fight for the Senatorship will be a hot one and the Republican legislators, who are more thrifty than honest, may be able to make the expenses of the session, before the session has fairly begun.

Work for 1,000 Idle Miners.

Pittsburg, Dec. 11.—Within a week about 1,000 idle coal miners along the Monongahela river will go to work as a result of the amicable adjustment of the wage scale between the operators and their employes. The wages for the coming six months will be 62 cents per ton in the first pool and 48 cents per ton in the second, third and fourth pools.

Stephen Dutton Convicted.

New York, Dec. 11.—Sephen A. Dutton, charged with swindling Mrs. Mary A. Godfrey and her daughter, Lily Alys Godfrey, formerly of Washington, out of some Washington real estate valued at $55,000, was convicted yesterday afternoon and was remanded for sentence. The extreme penalty is three years' imprisonment.

Monitor Puritan in Commission.

New York, Dec. 11.—The monitor Puritan, which was formerly placed in commission yesterday afternoon, is built on much the same line as the Terror, and is believed to be one of the most formidable coast defense vessels in the world. Her original hull was laid in 1864.

Movements of Our Warships.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The sailing of the Minneapolis from Jaffa for Smyrna and the arrival of the Amphitrite at Hampton roads have just been reported to the navy department.

Boy Fined for Drunkenness.

New York, Dec. 11.—Joseph Herlih, 14 years old, was fined $3 for drunkenness in the Essex Maaket police court to-day. He was arrested on the street last night.

Verdict of Premeditated Murder.

Buffalo, Dec. 9.—The coroner's jury has found a verdict of premeditated murder against Edward Jones, colored, who shot and killed Charles Carrington on Thursday night last. The prisoner's wife testified that he was jealous of her and had threatened if she did not cease visiting Carrington there would be "trouble."

The Indiana at Fort Monroe.

Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 11.—The battleship Indiana from Tompkinsville arrived here last night.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

THE BICYCLE RACE.

Contestants Putting Many Miles Behind Them—The Struggle for Second Place.

BY UNITED PRESS.

New York, Dec. 11.—Forster got into second place, this morning, while Rice was resting. Forster, this morning, ran into Rice and threw him. Maddox, who was following, was also thrown, but Forster rode on without a fall. The referee has warned Forster that if he fouls again he will be stopped and fined.

The scores 2:30 o'clock were:

Hale, 1,523; Forester, 1,492; Rice, 1,478; Reading, 1,465; Schock, 1,456; Taylor, 1,415; Smith, 1,398; Moore, 1,386; Pierce, 1,370; Ashinger, 1,316; Cassidy, 1,291; Maddox, 1,312; Gannon, 1,124; McLeod, 1,046; Glick, 1,005.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT NEWBURGHER.

BY UNITED PRESS.

Newburgh, Dec. 11.—Dr. Charles N. Wooley, a former president of the Board of Education, died this morning.

A MOST SUCCESSFUL FAIR.

Money Pouring Into the O. and W. Benefit Association's Treasury—The Lucky Ones, Last Night.

The Assembly Rooms were crowded last evening by those interested in the success of the Ontario and Western Benefit Association Fair. The receipts were largely in excess of the two previous evenings. The following programme was rendered, under the direction or Edward Mills. Accompanist, James Holloway:—

Quartette and Chorus—"Don't forget the old 'olka"..........
Mrs. Remsen, Mrs. Eaton, Messrs. Z. K. Greene and T. Gillen.
Planoforte solo..........
James Holloway.
Chorus—"Mark the Merry Elves" (The Fairles")—Dr. Callcott
Solo—"Queen of the Earth"..........Ciro Pinsuti
Z. K. Greene.
Quartette—"The Old Oaken Bucket"..........
Messrs. Gillen, Green, Mills and Stack.
Quartette—"Believe me, of all those endearing charms"..........Moore
Miss Susie Armstrong, Mrs. Eaton, Messrs. Greene and Mills.
Chorus—"O who will o'er the downs so free"..........—R. L de Pearsall
Solo—(Selected)..........
Miss Susie Armstrong.
Quartette—"Lost Landmark"..........
Messrs. Greene, Mills, Gillen and Stack.
Solo..........
T. Gillen.
Chorus—"The stars that above us are shining"...—C. M. von Weber
Duet—"Life's Merry Morning".....Eben B. Bailey
Mrs. Wm. Remsen and Mrs. W. T. Eaton.
Trio—"Sleep, Gentle Lady"..........H. R. Bishop
Mrs. Remson, Mrs. Eaton and Edward Mills.

The following articles were drawn last evening:

One set carvers (Millspaugh Hardware Co.)—Chas. Lennon.

Box Babbitt Soap (Middletown Co-operative Co.)—Mrs. Lewis Keran.

Case peas (Smith & Herman)—Mrs. M. Hurley.

One clock (D. C. Dusenberry)—Joseph Mead.

Twenty pounds tea (A. Terwilliger)—H. D. Hopkins.

One pair rubber boots (Edmund & VanSickle)—Thos. H. Gardner.

One barrel flour (J. F. Bradner)—Bert Lee.

Carved Cabinet (Harry Danforth)—Mrs. Wm. Schwartz.

Pair shoes (Frank VanSickle)—Jesse Mosher.

Twenty-five cabbage (John McCune)—Henry D. Hopkins.

Seal-skin cap (Budwig & Co.)—Peter Cummings.

Willow rocker (Knapp & Merritt)—Joe Grant.

$7 silk umbrella (Morris B. Wolf)—Mary Moran.

One lamp (J. B. Swalm)—John Donovan.

Meerschaum cigar holder (F. B. Schoonmaker)—L. H. Billings.

Sofa Pillow (Miss Sarah Costello)—Miss Lizzie Hoyt.

Trousers (Middletown Clothihg Co)—Floyd Felter.

One hundred pounds buckwheat flour (H. H. Ronk)—J. H. Coddington,

Barber cup and brush (Evi Adams) Milton Ostrom.

Diamond pin (F. D. Kernochan)—W. H. Keeler.

Pig (Williamsons' market)—Ira Dorrance.

A number of smoked hams, several barrels of apples, ton of coal and a case of canned corn, are among the articles to be drawn this evening.

The following programme will be presented:—

Overture..........Aeolian Club
Solo..........G. F. STACK
Duett....MISS LAMONT AND MR. H. B. OSTENDORF
Specialty..........F. CURRAN
Tableaux..........

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y.
Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, '96.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	116¼	116½
Tobacco	75½	75⅛
Chicago Gas	74⅛	73⅝
Nat. Lead	—	25
General Electric	33	32
U. S. L., pref.	61½	61¾
Tenn. Coal and Iron	28½	28¼
A. T. & S. F.	14	14⅛
C. B. & Q.	77¾	77½
C. M. & St. P.	74⅝	74½
R. I.	68¼	68¾
D. L. & W.	158½	—
C. of N. J.	162¾	102
Erie	—	—
D. and H.	125½	—
O. & W.	—	15¼
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	—
P. & R.	28	27⅛
N. W.	103¾	103
L. S.	154½	—
N. Y. C.	—	—
U. P.	21	27¾
Texas	—	—
M. P.	10⅛	10
W. Union	86⅛	86¼
L. & N.	50¼	49¾
Manhattan	96	96¼
P. M.	26¼	25⅝
Wabash, pref.	—	16¼

Relation of Crime to Occupation.

Curious statistics concerning the relation of crime to occupation were brought forward at the recent meeting in Geneva of the Anthropological congress. From these it appeared that in a group of 10,000 farmers, 0.84 per cent. were criminals; in trades, 1 per cent.; in manufactures, 1.32 per cent.; in the professions, 2.30 per cent. One would suppose that professional people contributed a smaller proportion to the criminal classes than those in trades and manufactures, but it seems that men who live by their brains have greater opportunities for rascality than those who live by trade or handicraft. The 2.30 per cent. of criminals in the professional class are thus distributed: Among 10,000 clergymen, 0.71 are criminals; among teachers, 1.58 per cent.; physicians, 1.86; chemists and apothecaries, 3.79; government employes, 7.15; diplomats, lawyers, notaries, and the like, 28.13. In these last three classes are found most of the poisoners, forgers, counterfeiters, embezzlers, swindlers and "genteel" thieves.

Wholesome, Anyway.

Archdeacon Sinclair, in his "Leaders of Thought, etc." tells a good story of an Eton head master, known as "Flogging Keate." Finding one morning a row of boys in his study, he began, as usual, to flog them. They were too terrified at the awful little man to remonstrate till he had gone half way down the row, when one plucked up courage to falter out: "Please, sir, we're not up for punishment—we're a confirmation class!" "Never mind," said Dr. Keate; "I must be fair all around, and it will do you good." So he finished them off.

Scientific.

The botanical garden at Buitenzorg, Java, has 300 determined species of palms, besides about 100 that appear distinct.

The statement is credited Dr. Burton Ward that lunatics seldom use the thumb when writing, drawing or saluting, and that the non-use of this organ is an infallible symptom of insanity, however rational the person may appear.

A balloon was recently sent up from Paris to bring down a few quarts of the upper atmosphere for analysis. It carried a special reservoir with a clockwork apparatus to open it at the end of one hour and close it after one minute. Instructions to the finder for returning the balloon were placed in the basket.

Value of Labor.

A striking illustration of the value of labor, when bestowed upon a material like iron, is given by the statement that a bar of iron worth five dollars, when manufactured into needles, is worth $55; into penknives, about, $3,250; into buttons, $30,500, and into watch springs, $255,000.

Both in the Same Plight.

Some years ago I was in camp with a friend of mine in Canada. Toward morning I awoke shivering with cold. The fire was very low. My companion was sound asleep. It isn't nice to get out of a warm blanket to haul frosty logs to the fire, so I gave Wyndham a kick, and then pretended to be asleep. There was no response, and by and by I tried another kick. Then the old scoundrel burst out laughing. "I did the same thing to you 15 minutes ago," he said; "that's how you came to wake up."

Health

Depends upon keeping the blood in a pure condition, free from disease germs, and yet there are very few people who have perfectly pure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cleanses, vitalizes and enriches the blood, throwing out the impurities that clog and irritate the system and permits no lodgment of the seeds of disease. Read the following:

"I cannot recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla too highly for it has done wonders for me. I was

Sick

and all run down and my health was so poor I could not get out of doors. I was not able to do anything, being troubled with asthma and heart disease. I was nervous and could not sleep nights. I had become completely discouraged when I happened to read an advertisement of Hood's Sarsaparilla and concluded to give it a trial. After taking the first bottle I felt better and since taking five bottles I am so much improved that I feel like a new man. I am now able to do a fair day's work and sleep

Well

at night. My heart does not trouble me and I have realized great relief for asthma. I feel full of courage once more and life seems brighter and worth living. I would recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all afflicted as I have been, for I know it will help them. If this statement of facts will be of benefit, you are welcome to use it as you please." HENRY J. WRIGHT, Box 502, Oxford, New York.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hood's Pills cure all Liver Ills and Sick Headache. 25 cents.

CARSON & TOWNER.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

We are Showing a Very Attractive Line of HANDKERCHIEFS.

For Ladies' and Gent's in pure linen and silk from the lowest to the high priced kind. For Ladies'—Embroidered, scalloped and hemstitched at 5c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and up. Duchess Lace $1.75 to $5. For Gent's—Hemmed, hemstitched and fancy all linen at 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and up. Silk handkerchiefs, initial and plain, 50c, 75c and $1. Ladies' and Gent's umbrellas at special prices.

CARSON & TOWNER,

No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

THERE IS A SURPRISE IN STORE.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have just received the New Holiday Hat—the Princeton. Fur Caps, Seal and Nutra Cloth Caps in endless variety.

Ready Made Clothing, Ulsters, Overcoats

and HEAVY SUITS. Owing to the lateness of the season, we will start in Dec. 1st to make special inducements to buyers in order to close out our heavy stock. Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, Sweaters and Jersey Coats. Elegant line of Neckwear, Suspenders, Gloves, fur and fur lined; Mittens and Dress Kid Gloves. MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT—We are still busy. We keep up our stock of Suitings, Overcoatings and Trouserings, which enables customers to make a good selection. Our Dress Suits have met with great success. Mr. Rodgers pleases all. Look at our fine line of Trunks, Satchels, Dress Suit Cases and Telescope Boxes, Mackintosh Coats, Umbrellas and Canes.

JOHN E. ADAMS,

Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

THE CHOICE

Of Gifts is Now the Question.

Our Holiday display is complete and will help you much in choosing. We show thousands of dainty things in silver and gold, in celluloid and lacqrer, Japanese goods, French goods and a great line of articles, the product of American ingenuity. Prices are low—10c, to $1 each.

We have handkerchiefs to sell, hundreds of them, thousands of them, pretty styles and small prices, initial handkerchiefs in silk and linen, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 18c, 25c, 50c, 60c.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,

No. 39 North Street.

The Middletown City Bookstore
HAS ALL KINDS OF SCHOOL BOOKS
New and Second-Hand.
A Great Variety of Writing Tablets

Also Pencil Tablets 1 ct to 10 cents, Slates, Blackboard Crayon and everything fo. school and office use.

S. W. MILLSPAUGH & CO.,
20 NORTH STREET.

SAMUEL LIPFELD,

No. 25 North Street.

SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

Men's Black Beaver Overcoats $3.95, worth $6.

Men's Black Frieze Ulsters, wool lined, at $6, worth $10.

Men's All Wool Suits, in all styles and colors, from $3 to $10, worth $6 to $15.

Men's Underwear, in all styles, at the same astonishing low prices.

SAMUEL LIPFELD
25 North St

SPECIAL SALE

OF

COATS AND CAPES

This Week!

A very attractive stock in all the fashionable shapes of the season in Boucle, Astrakhan, Plush and Kersey. We have made extraordinary preparations and are in position to deliver from stock all sizes and at most attractive prices.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,

No. 27 West Main Street.

Ladies Who Value

A refined complexion must use Pozzoni's Powder. It produces a soft and beautiful skin.

FOR THANKSGIVING.

Jamaica and Florida Oranges, New Lemons, Concord, Catawba and Malaga Grapes, Bananas, Splendid Table Raisins, Cape Cod Cranberries, Cauliflower, Green and Wax Beans, Cucumbers, Spinach, Sweet Potatoes, Splendid White Onions, White and Red Cabbage, Edam, Pineapple, Sweet Meadow, Nosegay and Neufchatel Cheese, Richardson & Robinson's Plum Pudding, Russian Marmalade, Splendid Celery.

BROSS & MUNDY,

TELEPHONE 39—19. 42 NORTH ST.

FOR SALE.

The fine residence, known as the late John Cochran's, No. 135 West Main street. House contains 10 rooms, steam heat, gas, and all modern improvements; lot about 64x150. This is to close an estate and is a fine opportunity for a bargain

GARDNER & M'WILLIAMS. NO. 26 NORTH ST

I sell dry wood, always kept under shelter. You can be sure of a dry article at

E. H. GREGORY'S.

Telephone call 129.

HANFORD & HORTON.

TABER'S GOODS!

A large line of these beautiful goods just opened. Prices from 25c upwards

They are the most artistic gift you can find. Make you selections while the stock is complete.

While you are looking at these take a look about you and see the choice line of other goods we offer for the holidays.

Subscriptions taken for all publications at publishers' rates.

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

YOU WEAR!

A coat principally for warmth, for protection against cold, don't you?

If you want a coat for comfort and one that will wear well you should see the new lot of ulsters we are offering $5, $6, $8, $10, $12, $15, $18 and $20.

GEO. W. YOUNG.

BOOTS, SHOES, RUBBERS.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,

13 West Main Street.

Men's Arctics 95 cents.

Men's Felt Boots and Overs $1.75.

All kinds of Rubber Boots.

Overshoes at low prices.

cures cramps and all bowel complaints, sudden colds, chills and La Grippe. Used externally it is the best liniment in the world. Beware of imitations, buy only the genuine made by Perry Davis. Sold everywhere. Large bottles 25 and 50 cents each.

DON'T PASS US BY, But buy of us your holiday presents. You can with little money get your father, husband, brother, son, uncles, etc., a suitable and useful present from our list. We are showing the largest Neckwear stock in the city. not trashy and common, but choice styles.

Best Neckwear 50c.
Good " 25c.
Cheaper " 12c and 15c
Any shape or style.

Morris B. Wolf,
Blue Front Store,
10 North Street.

C. E. CRAWFORD FURNITURE CO.

THIS WEEK ONLY.

To Close the Few Carriages We Have Left,

WE WILL GIVE WITH EACH ONE

A Patent Device to Use as a Sleigh.

A GOOD THING. COME AND SEE IT.

C. E. Crawford Furniture Co.

44-46 North Street, Middletown.

When shopping, drop in and try our Famous Ice Cream Soda Water—Summer Fruits in liquid form the year round.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St.

Malt Extract 25 cents, 5 Bottles for one dollar, our own label (made for us) and warranted equal to any.

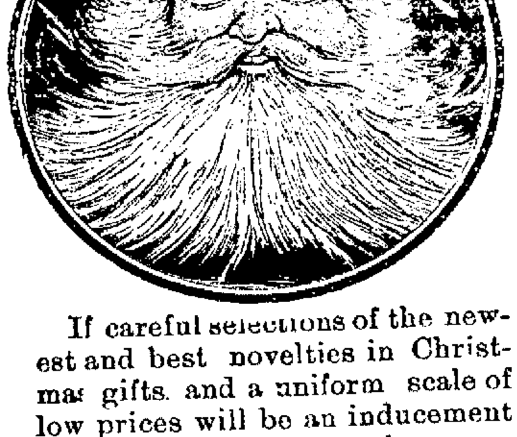
McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

Remember, this weather rough ens the hands. Remember, McMonagle & Rogers' Orange Flower Balm keeps them smooth and white—nothing else equals it. 25 cents.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

"Onyx" White Enamel Paint for home decorating. This is probably the best of its kind. A good liberal can for 25 cents.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).



If careful selections of the newest and best novelties in Christmas gifts, and a uniform scale of low prices will be an inducement to holiday shoppers, then one and all should pay us a visit before they buy. We have taken great pains to provide desirable selections for all kinds of people and have been equally careful to make the prices right.

7 West Main Street, Middletown.

Fancher's

DAILY ARGUS.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 1896.

OPEN EVENINGS.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY UNITED PRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Fair, to-night; increasing cloudiness, Saturday; continued warm, westerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:

7 a. m., **30°**; 12 m., **44°**; 3 p. m., **43°**.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—Dec. 8-12—Fair by employes of O. and W. shop, at Assembly Rooms.

—Dec. 10—Exhibition of the Animotiscope, at First Congregational Church.

—Dec. 11—Concert at First Presbyterian Church

—Dec. 14—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Ariel-Grilley Combination, at Casino.

—Dec. 21, 22—"The Mikado," at the Casino.

—Dec. 24—Masquerade ball of Umpqua Lodge, at Assembly Rooms.

—Jan. 1—Masquerade ball, at Casino.

—Jan. 1, 15 29—Bachelor Club hops.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—A present given away at Medrick's.

—Potted ham at B. F. Todd's.

—Holiday goods at J. B. Swalm's.

—Drawing of jurors.

—Laborers wanted.

—Situation wanted.

—Doll and cradle free at Enterprise Tea Co.

—Sale of plumbing fixtures.

—Two cars flour at C. N. Predmore & Son's.

—Examine Weller & Demerest's holiday goods.

—See Fred Moule's adv.

—Holiday specialties at Economy Store.

—See Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s Saturday specials.

—Fine neckwear at Morris B. Wolf's.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—The "Yellow Kid" at the Casino, to-morrow night.

—The glass industry in Wayne county, Pa., gives employment to 1,000 people and every concern is busy.

—The New York's *World's* "Yellow Kid," of Hogan's Alley, will be the attraction at the Casino, to-morrow night.

—Horace R. Dunn's dancing class, which meets in Nearing's Hall, has changed its night from Tuesday to Thursday.

—The Chester National Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent., payable on and after Dec. 15th.

—Farmers coming to town report that the country roads are very bad, the mud being so deep and sticky as to make the traveling very heavy.

—The subscriptions to the fund for the purchase of a permanent home for Warwick's Y. M. C. A. amount to $1,942. The amount needed is $3,000.

—The D. and H. Canal Company's coal shipments by the Erie from Honesdale, this year, have only been 857,269 tons, a decrease of 214,487 tons from last year.

—Owing to increased demands upon their advertising space, the Port Jervis *Daily Union* and *Evening Gazette* will issue eight-page papers until after the holidays.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Geo. Rodman, of Washington, D. C., is visiting Mrs. Chas. H. Hirst at 11 Broad street.

—Mrs. N. D. Mills, of this city, returned from a two weeks' visit in New York, yesterday, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Haight.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Samuel P. Mills,

Mrs. Rebecca Mills, wife of Samuel P. Mills, formerly of this city, died at Matteawan, Wednesday evening, in her sixty-fourth year.

She is survived by a husband and son, Arthur; also, two brothers and two sisters, W. E. Bump, of this city, E. H. Bump, of Fishkill, Mrs. W. R. Edwards and Mrs. J. Horton, of Fishkill.

The interment will take place in Hillside, to-morrow.

Progressive Whist Party at Waalkill Engine House.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Waalkill Engine Co., No. 6, has invited the members and friends of the company to a progressive whist party to be held at the truck house, Thursday evening, Dec. 17.

Petty Thieves at Work.

From our Bloomingburgh Correspondent.

Thieves entered the barn of Capt. A. W. Miller, Sunday night, and stole a set of heavy double harness. Several chicken coops in this vicinity have also been robbed recently.

Condensed Testimony.

Chas. B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a Cough remedy. J. D. Brown, Prop. St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years standing, caused by LaGrippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinsville, Mass. says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. Free Trial Bottles at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

The Modern Mother.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

SENECA BROWN'S OLD NAG.

THE OLD HORSE AGAIN STANDS BETWEEN HIM AND GOSHEN JAIL.

A Police Court Farce That Has Been Acted Over and Over Again—Seneca's Question, "Who is to Take Care of My Hoss?" Causes His Honor to Temper Justice With Mercy—Seneca Takes the Pledge With Reservations—A Problem for Jerry Barnes.

Seneca Brown was beating an old, decrepit bay horse at the corner of Linden avenue and Courtland street, last night, when the police pounced upon him and locked him up on a charge of intoxication. The horse was cared for at a livery stable.

This morning Seneca pleaded guilty to the charge of intoxication, and the Recorder promptly sentenced him to thirty days in Goshen jail.

Seneca has heard that same sentence so often that he was not a bit scared, and at once began the argument which invariably saves him from incarceration in the dungeon vile:

"O, Mr. Bradner, who's goin' to take care of my hoss? He's a good hoss, Mr. Bradner. I gave ten dollars for him, and he's sound, kind and true in all harness. If you lock me up, Mr. Bradner, the hoss will starve, as I hain't no one to take care o' him."

Then follows a discussion between the Recorder and Capt. Gould.

"Tom, what am I going to do with this fellow? If I lock him up you'll have to take care of the horse for thirty days, and his board will be at least $15. The old skate ain't worth $10, and you won't get your money back from Seneca."

"Tom" answers, "The old plug ain't worth twenty shillin', and we can give him to the bone man."

Then the legal acumen of the Recorder looms up. "That's all right. He may only be worth twenty shillin' now, but he'll be a very valuable animal when Seneca gets out and finds you have disposed of him. You or the city will be called on to settle for him."

"Tom"—"Well, it's time something was done with Seneca; he's a nuisance."

Seneca, with a wink at the reporter, as he has done a score of times before, denied the latter allegation, and pleaded with the Recorder to allow him to go this time, and protested that he would take the pledge for one year.

"Lemme go, Mr. Bradner," he said, "and I'll pledge not to drink any strong licker for a year, 'cept tea and coffee; a man's got to drink that."

This appeal worked, and Seneca swore, with another wink at the reporter, that he wouldn't "licker up" in a year.

The Recorder told him to go, but as Seneca reached the door he turned to His Honor and said, "It's purty nigh Chris'mas time Mr. Bradner; be ye goin' to want a tree for the little ones? I'll sell yer one cheap."

But the Recorder wasn't buying Christmas trees this morning, and reached for an inkstand as he told Seneca to "git."

Turning to "Tom" he said, "I wonder what Jerry Barnes will do with that fellow. He manages to do me every time."

When Seneca reached the street he made a bee-line for his favorite bar-room, where he took the taste of the lock-up out of his mouth with a big drink of apple-jack.

Cards of Thanks.

We would like to thank our neighbors and friends for being so kind to us in our hour of bereavement. Words fail to express our gratitude. We wish also to thank his shopmates and the Maennerchor for their kindnesses; also the friends who sent flowers. Yours in sorrow,

MR. AND MRS. J. HENNING.

Thos. Mahon desires to express his thanks for the kindness shown him by McQuoid Engine Co. and friends in his late bereavement.

Funeral of Frank M. Munn.

The remains of Frank M. Munn, who died at Wortendyke, N. J., arrived here, last night. The funeral was held at St. Joseph's Church, to-day, at 10 o'clock. The interment was in family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

The following persons were pall bearers: Malchi Farrell, P. H. O'Connor, John Sexton, Gabriel Rockafellow, Wm. F. Murphy, Hugh Cafferty.

Sale of the Bakewell Property.

The Bakewell property on North street was sold at the Russell House, this afternoon, by Herbert B. Royce, referee, to S. A. Bull for Bull & Youngblood, for $6,235. D. Finn was referee and J. H. Goodale auctioneer.

Formed a Law Partnership.

Lawyers Edwin S. Merrill and William Burke have formed a partnership and have rented a suite of officers in the Wilcox building, on North street, into which they will move next week.

Appointed State Hospital Trustee.

John W. Slauson, of the *Press*, has been appointed by Gov. Morton trustee of the State Hospital, in the place of George H. Decker, whose term has expired.

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ANOTHER BURGLARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The Residence of G. T. Townsend Entered—Two Silver Forks Stolen and a Lunch Eaten—Calls Made at Many Residences on Highland Avenue, Wednesday Evening.

The burglars, who were at work on Highland avenue, Wednesday night, entered the house of G. T. Townsend in addition to those of Messrs. Rogers, Merritt and Lindsey. They entered the house by raising a window that opens on the front piazza and thoroughly ransacked the lower part of the house, but thus far the only articles missed are two solid silver forks. The thieves made their way into the cellar and helped themselves to a bountiful lunch of cold meat, cold potatoes and cheese. They left the house through a rear door, which was found open in the morning.

The men who are suspected of this and the other burglaries called at many Highland avenue houses, Wednesday evening. One of them called at Hon. Frank Buckley's and represented himself as a one-armed stenographer trying to raise money enough to take him to his home. The same fellow called at C. Macardell's. There he had two arms and was a canvasser down on his luck and very much in want of money to take him home. A man who called at W. B. Royce's wanted a situation as coachman and asked many questions as to who kept horses and where they lived.

Mrs. Madden answered a ring at her door that night, and found there a man who wanted a situation as gardener, but who would act as coachman if that job was vacant. Mrs. Madden said she kept a boarding house, and could not indulge in such luxuries as coachmen and gardeners. The fellow asked a number of questions, and Mrs. Madden finally said: "You're on the wrong block. The rich people live further up the street." This remark seems to have been taken very seriously by the prowlers, for they confined their burglarious operations to houses further up the street.

The burglars undoubtedly left town, early Thursday morning, and householders had a rest, last night, from midnight prowlers.

A MUSICAL EVENT.

Programme of the Concert to be Given at the First Presbyterian Church, To-night.

Below is the programme of the concert to be given at the First Presbyterian Church, to-night, by Mrs. J. Antoinette Fuller Cox, soprano, assisted by Miss Helen Reynolds, violin; Miss Mabel Reynolds; violoncello; Miss Helen Neibuhr, contralto; Franz H. Ambruster, tenor; Miss Lillian J. Cox, elocutionist; Mrs. Florence Joyce, accompanist:

Trio—Serenade........Liebe
Misses Reynolds and Mrs. Joyce.
Songs—(a) "The Sweetest Flower" —S. Vander Stucken
(b) "Love Song" (manuscript) —David H. Wilson
(c) "Dawn"........Lord Henry Somerset
Mr. Armbruster.
Piano solo—Cascade du Chaudron, Opus, 139, No. 4 —Bendel
Mrs. Cox.
Song—"Sunshine and Rain"........Blumenthal
Miss Niebuhr.
'Cello solo—Cantilena from Concerto..Goltermann
Miss Mabel Reynolds.
Song—"Hush, My Little One"........Bevignani
Miss Cox.
Song—Serenade........Schubert
Mr. Armbruster.
Violin obligato........
Miss Helen Raynolds.
'Cello obligato........(composed by D. H. Wilson)
Miss Mabel Reynolds.
Recitation—"The Red Fan"....Grace Ada Brown
(With musical illustration.)
Miss Cox.
Duett—"La Notte" (The Night)........Millotti
Mrs. Cox and Mr. Armbruster.
Songs—(a) "My Love is Come"........Marzials
(b) "Little Boy Blue"........Nevin
Miss Niebuhr.
Violin solos—(a) "Vision de Jeannie D'Arc" —Gounod
(b) "Mazurka"........Wieniawski
Miss Helen Reynolds.
Song—"Flight of Ages"........Bevan
Mrs. Cox.
Trio—"Gypsy Rondo"........Hayden
Misses Reynolds and Mrs. Joyce.

Many tickets have been sold and the indications are that the attendance will be large. Tickets, which are fifty cents, may be had at Pronk's drug store or at the door.

BURIAL OF JAMES MAHON.

The Body Escorted to the Grave by Members of McQuoid Engine Co.

The remains of James Mahon, who died at Sing Sing on Wednesday, reached this city on O. and W. train No. 1, this forenoon. Twenty-five members of McQuoid Engine Company, of which the the deceased was a charter member, escorted the remains from depot to the burial plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Charles McAloon, John Donovan, James Dwyer, George Lawrence, Edward Lawder and John Ostroski.

The New Gates at the Wickham Avenue Crossing.

The new gates at the O. and W.'s Wickham avenue crossing were tried for the first time, yesterday. A tower has been erected from which they will be operated by what is known as the overhead system. This will be a decided improvement over the old underground method.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

Cataracts Dance—Visiting at "Interpines"—Deaths of Mrs. Zimmer and Mrs. Denniston.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—About twenty-five couple were present at Cataracts' dance last night. The affair was very enjoyable.

—Miss Ethel Montanye is visiting at "Interpines," the home of Miss Mattie Seward.

—Mrs. Sarah Zimmer, wife of Michael Zimmer, died at her home in the town of Goshen, Wednesday morning, aged 71 years. She had been ill several months. Her husband and two sons survive. Three children by a former marriage are also living. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock to-morrow from her late residence.

—Mrs. Mary Denniston, widow of the late Geo. A. Denniston, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. O. Sayer, Tuesday night. She was 70 years of age and had been ill for a number of months. Two daughters survive her. The funeral will be held this morning at 11 o'clock from her late residence.

MANY CRIMINAL CASES READY.

District Attorney Powelson Will Clear Up the Criminal Docket Next Week—Twenty Indictmetns to be Disposed Of.

District Attorney Powelson says that there will be an unusually large number of criminal cases brought before the County Court, at Goshen, next week, as he desires to clear up all cases that have been standing on bail, or otherwise, before the beginning of the new year.

The case of Henry Barnes against whom there are two indictments for horse stealing will be tried, together with at least nineteen other cases, for which subpœnas have been issued.

There are eight indictments against liquor dealers, mostly from the town of Cornwall, for selling without a certificate, and Mr. Powelson says he is daily receiving complaints of violations from special agents and others throughout the country.

Appointed Manager of the Western Union's Goshen Office.

Michael J. Donovan, Jr., of this city, has been appointed manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Goshen.

Mr. Donovan is a deserving young man, possessed of the characteristics essential for the position, and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his appointment.

An Erie Conductor Injured.

Conductor William Carley, of the Erie jumped from his train as it was passing through the Newburgh yard, yesterday and stepping on some stone ballast was thrown heavily on the track. His left wrist and right ankle were sprained and he was badly bruised. He was taken to his home in Port Jervis and will be laid up for a long time.

A Pleasant Surprise Party.

Miss Nellie Hopkins was given a surprise party, last night, by her friends at her home on Woodlawn avenue. About twenty-five couples were present, and all spent a very pleasant evening. Dancing and card playing were indulged in until 3 o'clock this morning. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock.

The Erie Depot's Roof.

The laying of tile on the roof of the Erie depot began to-day, and good progress is being made with the work. The section already covered is large enough to show that the roof will be very effective in appearance, and will add much to the beauty of the structure.

An Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Mary Kenny, head dining-room girl at the Madison House, gave a four o'clock tea this afternoon to a number of her intimate lady friends, and an enjoyable time was had.

A Whist Party.

Miss Mattie Gordon, of No. 12 Broad street, has issued invitations for a ladies whist party, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17th.

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The Special Sale

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We will sell Blue and White Check Gingham, at 3½c. yard Shirting Prints, at 3½c. yard; 36 inch Unbleached Muslin, at 4½c. yard; another case Domestic Fannel, as 3½c. yard.

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UP-TO-DATE EQUIPAGES.

A Few Years Ago Washington Had Scores of Them.

French Diplomat Once Upon a Time Rode to a Party in a Hearse—President Arthur Mounted on an Indian Pony.

[Special Washington Letter.]

Twenty odd years ago the greatest luxury of life on the Iowa prairies was an oyster stew; and we were only favored two or three times in the winter when the ladies of the church gave an oyster festival for some charitable object.

The oysters came in large tin cans, and they were usually frozen solid in order that they might be preserved on their journey; for the distance from Baltimore then was four or five days, but now it is less than two days. The cars go faster, and everybody goes faster nowadays.

After living on the Atlantic sea-coast for several years, and having oysters right out of the salt water, and in every epicurean form conceivable, the succulent bivalves are no longer on the list of luxuries. We look upon them here as plain everyday food; just as you look on ham and eggs, spare-ribs, griddle cakes, buckwheat cakes or mashed potatoes.

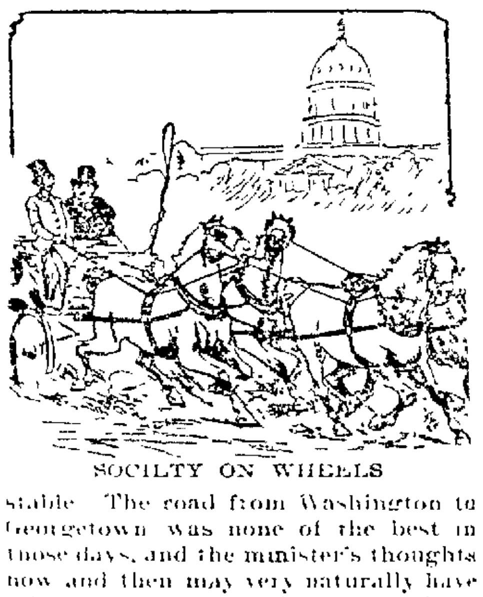
Things which are hard to get, either because they are scarce or costly, are luxuries. Things which are easily obtanied are not valued as they often should be. We long for something new. In each breast there is a wish we scarcely would care to own, for something better than we have known. Time changes our appetites and aspirations. Circumstances also alter our views and desires.

Twenty years ago when we regarded oysters as the greatest of all luxuries on the prairies, we were surrounded by some of the finest horses on the continent. In the cities only they who were most prosperous could afford to buy and keep a horse. The man who kept two horses in town was regarded as a rich man. Now that electricity is furnishing very cheap transportation in cities, horses have become very cheap, and the days of stylish turn-outs are numbered.

Only a few years ago the diplomats, society leaders and political somebodies were distinguished in the national capital, in great measure, by their equipages, their footmen and their liveries. Society on wheels would furnish the reading of an amazingly entertaining little volume if one could but collect the bits of history, shreds of romance and, often enough, harassing financial data, that lie back of and environ many of those turn-outs on which the harness jingled loudest.

Probably never outside of a foreign court was greater style ever observed in the matter of equipages than that with which old Baron de Bodisco delighted the residents of this city in the days long ago when he represented the court of Russia as minister plenipotentiary to this country. Living always in splendid style commensurate with his wealth, the baron, on his marriage to the beautiful young Miss Williams, set up a magnificent coach drawn by milk white horses. Gradually, as children were born to the minister, he added to the number of his team, until six white horses driven tandem in pairs was the sight that attracted attention whenever Baron and Mme. de Bodisco took their airing in the fine coach to which liveried outriders gave the finishing touch of splendor.

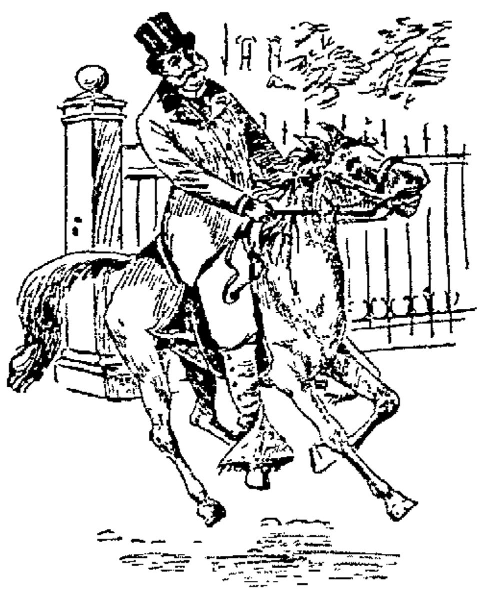
To go from matters grave to gay but a step is needed to chronicle mention of the weird vehicle, the black-plumed hearse, in which one of the earliest French ministers was compelled, in default of another conveyance, to ride from the legation to a dinner party on Georgetown heights. The instance has long since become a matter of history as to how, it being found at the last moment that no carriage could be secured for the minister, he declared rather than disappoint his prospective entertainers he would avail himself of the only vehicle then left in the livery stable. The road from Washington to Georgetown was none of the best in those days, and the minister's thoughts now and then may very naturally have taken a funereal turn as he bounced from side to side in the hearse, jolting over the stony byways and ruts.


SOCILTY ON WHEELS

Did you ever hear about President Arthur's Indian pony, and his first ride on Pennsylvania avenue? While President Arthur was in the Yellowstone park in 1883, an Indian chief gave him a handsome aboriginal pony. One morning in March, 1884, President Arthur sent for his pony, saying that he would ride to the soldiers' home and back before breakfast. President Arthur was a tall man and the pony being rather short the chief executive found confronting him the problem of how best to accommodate himself to the circumstances. The pony, however, cut short any further doubt or musing by making a bolt through the white house gate, keeping up such a break-neck pace, unmindful of whip, spur or reins, that Gen. Arthur always declared was too much in the nature of a dreadful nightmare even to dream of wishing for a repetition.

Attorney General Williams had a landaulet which was wonderfully made. It attracted so much comment and newspaper notoriety that Donn Piatt nicknamed the attorney general "Landaulet Williams," a name by which he is better known until this day than by his proper name. In private conversations here amongst old-timers, the ex-cabinet official is always referred to as "Landaulet Williams."

Some years ago Count D'Arco Valley came to Washington as the minister from the German empire. When his equipage arrived it was housed away; but when his sister, Countess Leopoldine, arrived, a sensation was produced which ramified the entire diplomatic and social circles of the city. The count and countess made a memorable round of calls on the cabinet in a dark-blue paneled cariage, attended by a man in full military regalia. The fellow was really a most splendid looking creature, and when he doffed the long-plumed, gold-bullioned chapeau to open the carriage door for the minister and his sister, unsheathing a glittering sword in military salute, he was a sight long to be remembered.


PRESIDENT ARTHUR'S PONY.

Unfortunately, however, the amount of attention attracted by this attendant finally became so overwhelming that, finding crowds collecting and barring the way to and from each house before the carriage stopped, the minister was reluctantly compelled to deprive the man of his gaudy trappings, remove the gold stripe from his trousers, the shining metal buttons from his blue coat, the chapeau from his head, and taking the dress sword from his reluctant grasp reduced him to ordinary civilian's attire. It was a great blow to the poor fellow, who never could understand why he could not be allowed to continue wearing the uniform in which he had been accustomed to attend Count D'Arco in his native land.

One of the attaches of the Russian legation, a Mr. Gregor, half a score of years ago gave Washingtonians their first glimpse of a genuine Russian drosky. The turn-out, with the spirited team of horses and dramatic accessories, even to the stolid-looking, big nosed driver with bushy crop of hair cut straight from ear to ear, standing out like a whisk-broom under his peculiarly flat, low-crowned hat, were imported direct from Russia. The driver's general appearance was an instance in which the picturesque had been obtained without regard to beauty. He was a skillful driver, though, and understood perfectly the art of producing a sensation strangely akin to a panic whenever he elected to dash along the fashionable promenades, the jingling bells of the douga keeping up a musical accompaniment to the leader's dashing pace.

But the day of droskys, uniformed footmen and paneled coats-of-arms would seem to be swift gliding into history. Cabinet ministers, members of the supreme court, including the chief justice, embassadors, ministers and other dignitaries, freely use the cable and electric cars. Of course, after the theater, the opera, the lecture, or the church services at night, our uppertendom ladies must have their own carriages to convey them home; but that is for convenience and comfort, and not for style.

Once upon a time there was a senator from New England who constantly employed a public conveyance belonging to a colored man who was a great deal blacker than the ace of spades, or anything else black that you can think of. The ladies of the family called him "Crow," and he never objected to the name. But, one evening after the theater, the senator's daughter thoughtlessly asked an usher to "call Crow." Without reflection the usher cried: "Call up Senator Blank's Crow." This appellation was new to the hacking fraternity, and they laughed uproariously as "Crow" drove up to the door of the theater. The man was mad clear through. He declared that he would not take the ladies home, but a policeman threatened him with arrest unless he did so; and the ladies entered the coupe. Instead of driving them home, "Crow" drove straight to his stable, where he unhitched his team, and compelled the wife and daughter of the senator to walk home, although it was a dark, rainy, dismal night, and near midnight.

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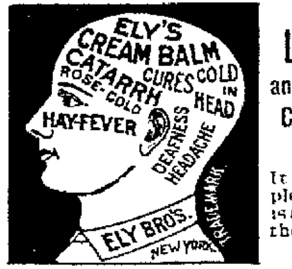

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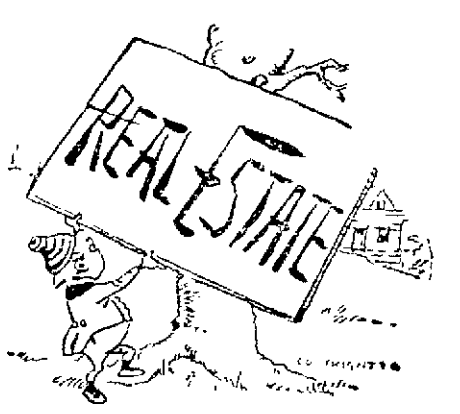

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But this was scarcely a match in absurdity for another which was of late years exhibited on an English road: "When this post is under water, the bridge at —— cannot be passed."—Tit-Bits.

Too Previous.

"I understand you have broken your engagement to Mr. Richman?"

"Yes."

"How foolish."

"But I found I couldn't love him."

"Of course not."

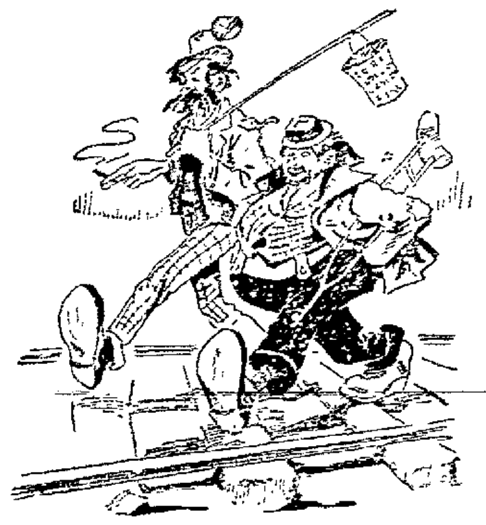
"And I wouldn't marry a man I couldn't love."

"Certainly not. But you ought to have hung on till after Christmas."—Chicago Post.

A Light Lift.

The stained-glass windows of the church
seemed hushed in deepest praise,
As through their sacred arches came the
dim, religious rays:
But, oh! their dim, religious rays weren't
one-half so profound
As the "dim, religious raise" of those who
passed the plate around.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

THE DIFFERENCE.



Siten Doze—Say, pard, wot's de difference between free silver and free lunch?

Wauken Sleep—Lots. One's sixteen to one, and de other's eleven to two.—N. Y. Journal.

The Pity On't.

Fate often plays us scurvy tricks,
And makes our lives a pill,
For oil and water will not mix,
While milk and water will.
—Washington Times

Provided For.

Algy Verisopth (throwing down the telegram)—Aw, how provoking! My aunt's will has been wead, and she has left all her money to found an asylum for incurable imbeciles.

Grimshaw—Congratulate you, Algy! I was sure that she would see you provided for.—Tit-Bits.

Called Him.

"So you want to be my son-in-law, do you?" asked the old man, with as much fierceness as he could assume.

"Well," said the young man, standing first on one foot and then on the other, "I suppose I'll have to be if I marry Mamie."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Correct Diagnosis.

"That, sir," said the phrenologist, placing the tips of his long, bony fingers on the bump of Biggongs' head, "is your bump of locomotion."

"Right you are," replied Biggongs; "I got that last night while learning to ride a bicycle."—Tit-Bits.

Woman's Tact.

Priscilla—I don't think Miss Sweet is very bright. Many a time I've known her to laugh at stupid jokes.

Penelope—I'll bet she makes more friends that way than you do by scowling at them.—N. Y. Truth.

They Are Black.

"He talks a good deal about his diamonds. Has he any?"

"Well, I should say he has. He has a whole cellar full, and they come as high as seven or eight dollars a ton, too."—Chicago Post.

In 1900.

"Fellow got killed in the Welkin office building yesterday."

"How? Change of climate too much for him?"

"No; his parachute failed to open."—Up-to Date.

Then Jamie Laughed.

"Jamie," called his mother, sharply, "you've been loafing all day. Satan always finds some work for idle hands to do. Take this basket and bring in some kindlings."—Christian Advocate.

As to Her Figure.

He—I wonder why nobody has asked Miss Carlinghorn to waltz this evening?

She—The dear girl is too angular to fit well in a round dance.—Chicago Tribune.

A Primer Study in Peripatetics.

"Why—does—the—tramp—run?"

"He—has—struck—something."

"What—has—the—tramp—struck?"

"He—has—struck—a—job."—Bay City Chat.

A General Favorite.

"Uncle Simon, why does all the world love a lover?"

"Because they know he will be spending money as long as he can raise a cent."—Chicago Record.

Of the Same Opinion.

Daughter—Father, Mr. Hendricks is a very bright young man.

Father—He must be. I notice that you never have a light in the parlor the nights he calls.—Bay City Chat.

Few and Far Between.

Ella—What do you consider man's greatest fault?

Stella—Being so scarce.—Town Topics.

What She Wanted.

"Such a dress must hurt the woman who wears it."

"But it hurts the woman who doesn't wear it more."—Detroit Tribune.

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15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

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The Fact That Doctors

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STATIONS.	Milk	1 * Ont'l Day Exp		7 * [illegible] Exp	3 * Chicago Limit	13
N. Y. Leave	A M			P M	P M	
Franklin St	2 2	4 [illegible]		3 0	4 15	
W. 42d St	2 8	7 5		3 15	4 30	
Weehawken	4 [illegible]	[illegible] 0		3 [illegible]6	[illegible] 4[illegible]	
Cornwall	[illegible] 10	[illegible]		5	6 01	
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Orr's Mills	[illegible]	55		f 10		
Little Brit'n	[illegible]	[illegible] 5		5 23		
Burnside	[illegible]	[illegible]		5 [illegible]		
Campbell H	7 [illegible]	[illegible] 22		5 40	6 30	
Stony Ford	7 15			5 44		
M'town Main St	7 28	[illegible] 43		5 58		
M'town ar	7 30	[illegible]		6 00	6 46	
M'town lv	8 4			* 6 10	6 56	
Winterton	9 [illegible]	9		6 25		
Bloom'gb'gh	[illegible]	15		6 30		
Wurtsboro	9 [illegible]	19		6 31		
Summitville	[illegible]	11 30		6 45		
Ellenville ar	10 [illegible]	11 50		7 05		
Fallsburg	[illegible]	12 05		7 20		
Hurleyville	[illegible] 53	12 12		7 27		
Liberty Falls	11 15	[illegible] 22		7 28		
Liberty	[illegible] 30	12 [illegible]		7 44	8 07	
Parksville	1[illegible]	[illegible]		7 [illegible]		
Livingston Man'r	12 06	12 53		8 05	8 30	
Rockland	12 [illegible]	1 [illegible]		8 20		13
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Walton	2 15	2 45		12 [illegible]5	9 53	8 07
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Sidney		4	11	4 20	0 45	9 02
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SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New York Exp	12 *	14 Delhi Ex	50 Local	2 Day Exp
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Oswego lv	12 3[illegible]			[illegible] 21	6 45
Oneida ar				12 22	6 46
Oneida lv	2 11			[illegible]	6 50
Oneid' Castl			P M	1 15	6 53
Norwich ar	3 24		7 26	6 4[illegible]	10 27
Norwich lv	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sidney	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sid'y Cent'r	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Walton	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hancock Jct	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Little Brit'n	7 59	[illegible]			5 02
Orr's Mills	8 15	f	3		5 19
W Cornwall	8 20	8			5 21
Cornwall	8 58	8 3	9 0		5 28
Weehawken	10 0	11 00	10 30		7 00
New York W. 42d St.	10 30	11 15	10 40		7 10
N. Y. Fkln St ar	10 45	11 30	10 55		7 25
	P M	P M	A M		P M

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	a m	p m	p m
New York	8 30	......	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	......	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	......	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	......	5 02
Paterson	9 29	......	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	3 00	6 32
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 16	6 42
Franklin	11 12	3 26	6 47
Hamburg	11 20	3 36	6 55
Deckertown	11 28	3 52	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	4 04	7 10
Unionville	11 41	4 15	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 25	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 38	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 57	7 34
Middletown	12 12	5 10	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun		Daily
	a m	a m	p m
	a m	p m	p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	4 45
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	4 57
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 03
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Many lives of usefulness have been cut short by neglect to break up an ordinary cold. Pneumonia, bronchitis and even consumption can be averted by the prompt use of One Minute Cough Cure. W. D. Olney.

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Headache stopped in 20 minutes by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills. "One cent a dose."

BUSINESS OF THE NEXT COURT.

Calendar for the December Term of the County Court.

There are only nine cases on the calendar for the term of the County Court to be held at Goshen, next week, by Hon. J. J. Beattie, county judge. They are:

Jacob Rau vs. Charles Earle.

Louis Doerr, respt., vs. David Swarthout, applt.

Jane Bailey vs. William Lewis.

Charles H. Fairweather vs. Andrew J. Williams.

Adam Allen, respt., vs. J. R. Manning, applt.

George E. Corwin, as assignee of Moses F. Beebe, pltf. and respt., vs. Oscar E. Jones, deft. and aplt.

Annie Drum plt. and respt., vs Abbie W. Gellet, deft. and respt.

Amos Kimble, respt vs E. Everitt, applt.

John R. Manning vs. John C. Snyder.

BURGLARS AT GREENVILLE.

A Woman's House Robbed but a Large Sum of Money Missed.

From the Port Jervis Gazette

Last Sunday night while Miss Mary Carpenter, who resides alone in Mr. Deilrick's house, at Greenville, was out calling, burglars entered the house and rummaged through all the bureaus and closets in the hope of finding a considerable amount of money. All they secured, however, was a small sum in change. They made their escape before being discovered. Miss Carpenter did have a large sum of money in the house but it escaped the burglars' search, and she brought it to Port Jervis the following day and placed it in one o the banks.

PICTURES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Crawford Furniture Company's Fine Art Gallery

The C. E. Crawford Furniture Company has made extensive preparations for the holiday trade, as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns.

In the Company's art gallery, on the second floor, can be seen a fine collection of hundreds of steel engravings, etchings, pastels, water colors and photographs. Augustus Eith, who has charge of the framing department is prepared to satisfy the most fastidious with moldings of all descriptions. Those in want of elegant Christmas gifts should visit the art department.

THE MIKADO.

A Very Large Advance Sale of Tickets Reported.

The tickets for the Mikado were placed in the hands of the members of Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, yesterday, and before night a very encouraging advance sale had been made. The price of reserved seats has been placed at seventy-five cents and tickets purchased now may be exchanged for coupon tickets without extra charge. The chart will open at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store on Tuesday, December 15.

A full rehearsal will be held to-morrow evening, in the truck house.

THAT "MYSTERIOUS" PATIENT.

Little Improvement in His Condition—His Sister Now with Him.

The condition of Daniel W. Buck, the ex-banker of Providence, R. I., who has been a patient at Thrall Hospital for several weeks, is not much improved. He is confined to his bed most of the time. Mr. Buck's sister, Mrs. Todd, of New York, arrived here last evening and will remain some days.

Progress of Work on the High School Building.

Work on the High School building is steadily progressing. Contractor McWilliams is still hindered by the non arrival of material, but has a portion of the roof on and began slating, this morning. He says the walls will not now be damaged by storms, and that if the weather is at all favorable he will have the building entirely closed in a month.

Killed on the Erie.

An unknown man, about fifty years old, apparently a German, was struck by an Erie freight train near Lordville, Wednesday. He was taken to Lordville, where he died. He was conscious when picked up but could not speak English, and there being no one who understood his language any information that he might have imparted was lost.

Grateful Acknowledgment.

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary of Thrall Hospital acknowledges the receipt of $1[illegible] the balance from the leap year [illegible]. The members of the Auxiliary wish to express their sincere thanks to the young ladies who participated.

MARY J. MCNISH, Treasurer.

Burglary at Liberty.

Burglars broke into Sherman Ernhout's grist mill at Liberty, Tuesday night, blew open the safe and got away with $50 in money.

—Great sales prove the great merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and great merit enables it to accomplish wonderful cures.

A Million Gold Dollars.

Would not bring happiness to the person suffering with dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured many thousands of cases of this disease. It tones the stomach, regulates the bowles and puts all the machinery of the system in good working order. It creates a good appetite and gives health, strength and happiness.

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

OBITUARY.

Augusta McKinney Terwilliger.

From our Searsville Correspondent.

Augusta McKinney, wife of William Terwilliger, died at her home, near Searsville, Dec. 2nd, aged fifty-nine years.

She was the daughter of David McKinney and was married to Mr. Terwilliger about thirty years ago. The funeral was held Saturday, 5th inst., and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. J. S. E. Erskine. Mrs. Terwilliger was a consistent member of the U. P. Church, at Pine Bush. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Annie, the wife of Henry D. Crist.

Mrs. Terwilliger was a kind neighbor and was respected by all who knew her.

WAWAYANDA.

Knew no Fear—Removal—Big Hogs—Much Sickness—When It Is Noisy in Slate Hill—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—A full grown red fox was seen loitering about the fields near Slate Hill a few days ago. It showed no signs of fear.

—Charles S. Middaugh, who has occupied the house owned by John Meeker, has leased the A. W. Shultz property and moved into it.

—C. E. Clark and Dallas Carpenter have each had five porkers butchered that weighed over 400 pounds dressed.

—There is considerable sickness throughout the country just now, and doctors are kept busy.

—A. R Sargeant, one of our most successful farmers, is on the sick list, and closely confined to his room.

—An ear-splitting racket is made at Slate Hill when the locomotive of the mail train, the type factory and the creamery and bottling works all sound their whistles together at noon.

BEAVERKILL.

Three Houses on Fire—Entertainment—Other Notes.

Correspodence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—There were no less than three fires in this vicinity last week. Charles Sprague's house caught fire from the chimney, as did J. D. W. M. Decker's. E. R. Sprague's house at Lew Beach was also on fire though but little damage was done.

—Mrs. Dr. Miller and son spent Thanksgiving with her parents at Beaverkill.

—There will be an entertainment held at the residence of E. R. Sprague, Dec. 18th for the benefit of the M. E. Church at that place. Adults, 15 cents; children, 10 cents.

—Miss Maggie Morrisey has gone to Unadilla, where she has secured a good position.

Killed by a Falling Tree.

George Farber, twenty-four years old, died at Horton, on the O. & W., Sunday, from the effect of injuries received Friday. While chopping in the woods a large dry limb fell striking him on the head and shoulder, fracturing the skull and inflicting other injuries.

SACRED CONFIDENCE.

No Woman's Letter Published Except by Request.

Mrs. Pinkham's Tender Relations With the Suffering of Her Sex—Women Who Cannot Hide Their Happiness.

There is a class of women who, from their own experience, sympathize with their suffering sisters, and in order that such suffering may be lessened, nobly put aside false modesty and in heartfelt gratitude publish to the world what every woman should know.

Mrs. W. L. Elliott, Liscomb, Iowa, is one of those women, and has requested us to publish the facts in her case, otherwise it would not be done, as all such evidence is treated in sacred confidence, unless publication is requested by the writer.

She says to Mrs. Pinkham:—"I wish you would publish the circumstances of my case, in order that other women may be benefited by my experience.

"I doctored nearly all the time for two years. I spent several hundred dollars without receiving much benefit. Last June I wrote to you and described all my aches and pains. Such a long list as there was: headache, backache, bearing-down pains, terrible soreness, constipation, dizziness, feeling of extreme lassitude, irregularity and nausea; but you answered my letter and told me just what to do. I followed your advice.

"After taking eight bottles of the Vegetable Compound and three bottles of Blood Purifier, I am glad to write you that I have not enjoyed such good health for years, and I am able to do all my own work. I can surely sound the praises of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and a number of my friends are taking it upon my recommendation."—MRS. W. L. ELLIOTT, Liscomb, Iowa.

CRYSTAL RUN.

Getting Better—Fine Hogs—A Lucky Escape.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Robert Crans, who has been sick with a heavy cold for the past ten days, is able to be out again.

—Walter Johnson is home on a visit.

—Our school teacher, Miss McLaury, who has been sick for the past week, we are pleased to learn, is improving.

—Charles Martine, the hustling farmer, has the lead in hogs killed, this fall. He killed four, Wednesday, which weighed 1,215 pounds.

—Mrs. W. B. Phillips and children spent last week in Middletown with relatives.

—Jno. Houston and another young man, while returning from Middletown, a few nights ago, had a narrow escape from a serious accident. Their horse became frightened at something along the road and nearly upset them. Nothing was damaged except the shafts and whiffletree.

PINE BUSH.

Many Cases of Sickness—An Improvement—C. E. Social.

Correspondenc ARGUS and MERCURY.

—James H. Wallace, who has been very seriously ill, is slowly improving.

—Mrs. Mary Jane Terwilliger, of near Pine Bush, is confined to her bed with pneumonia.

—Robert Teple is on the sick list.

—James Weller is ill from the effects of a chill.

—Frank Miller has recently built an addition to his newly purchased property in this village, which is now occupied by Mrs. Wm. Niver.

—The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold a social at Egbert Kain's Friday night.

SEARSVILLE.

Real Estate Sale—Whooping Cough—A Telephone Line Talked Of.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Lewis W. Deyo has purchased the house and lot on the corner, by the school house, of Mrs. Wm. J. Stevens.

—Whooping cough is quite prevalent at Thompson Ridge.

—Wm. Falkner, who teaches at Thompson Ridge, went home sick with measles, last Friday.

—There is talk of running a telephone line from Pine Bush through this place to Middletown, via Bullville and Circleville. What we need most is a trolley from Walden through here to Middletown.

WESTTOWN.

Social and Christmas Bazaar.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church of Westtown will hold its next social and Christmas bazaar at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Clark, Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, 1896.

Deckertown Must Pay $400.

A jury in the court at Newton this week awarded J. J. Wilson $400 for damages to his farm near Coleville by the laying of the main of Deckertown's water system across it. Appraisers awarded him but $125 and from this award he appealed. He claimed $705.

POTTED HAM or TONGUE!

Unusually cheap, 5 and 10 cents; former price 15 and 25 cents.

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350 Barrels—Fancy patent Diamond Medal, Washburn Crosby's, Superlative Pillsbury's Best. Will share a good purchase with you. See us about flour

100 Tubs—Fine Delaware county butter 18c a pound and up

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For Christmas!

500 Pounds fine mixed candies 10c pound, mixed nuts, new hickory nuts

200 Dozen Oranges 18c doz. and up

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4 Pounds good Rasins for 25c

Citron, Currants.

Cranberries 5 and 6c qt and up. Sweet potatoes.

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FARMER—Good milker, worker, thoroughly understand care stock, sober, attentive, good reference. Address 1td&w
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A BEAUTIFUL banquet lamp makes a nice Holiday present. Prices are very low at
d1t J. B. SWALE, 12 East Maid street.

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d1t ENTERPRISE TEA CO., 44 East Main St

SATURDAY ONLY—Every purchaser of 50c worth of goods receives an elegant present at MEDRICK'S Fresh veal to-day. d1t

COWS, COWS—I will have a carload of cows at my farm, Thursday morning, Dec. 17th.
w1t,dMon S. GIVEANS

FINE line of HOLIDAY GOODS at very low prices d1t J. B. Swalm, 12 East Main St.

SITUATION Wanted as foreman on stock farm or would take small farm on shares. Have wife and one child. Best of references given. Address A. D. BARNHART,
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FARM FOR SALE—Eighty acres of choice land, ten miles east of DesMoines, Iowa, with good seven-room house and outbuildings, two good wells, a young orchard. Parties want to go west. For further information enquire of
95d2mJan19 W. W. PRESTON, Clarkson, Iowa.

PIPES, PIPES, PIPES.

I will offer this week, at my store, pipes at a great reduction. Now is the time to buy. Don't fail to come in and examine my stock, as I have the largest assortment to select from in the city.
Electric Cigar Store, No. 12 North street, Middletown.
42d&w1yMy20 N. D MILLS, Prop.

HEADQUARTERS for Weather Strips at No Railroad avenue. Put them on now and keep warm CHAS. Z. TAYLOR.

HOMESTEAD BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Regular meeting for purpose of making loans Thursday evening. Stock in new series may be obtained.
11d2t H. J LEONARD, Sec'y.

THE second session of THE MISSES PORTER'S English and Classical Boarding and Day School opens Jan 6, 1897. Kindergarten, Primary, Academic and College Preparation, Specialists in Elocution, Languages, Music and Art. Corner Highland avenue and Prospect street, Middletown 66dtf

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BREAD Winner Cook Stove, size 8, first-class condition, and good baker; Skates and Fur Caps cheap at the
EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No 46 East Main street

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YOU cannot walk on the points of nails with comfort under any circumstance. To have your fine shoes "SOLED" with the nailing process is summer madness. CRAIG, the shoemaker's new method dispenses with nailing.
WEST MAIN STREET.

GIRL wanted for general housework. Inquire at the HOLDING HOUSE. d1t

DR C. THIMME, Dentist over J. B. Swalm's grocery store, No. 12 East Main street. dtf

M. C. FREER has opened a painting and paper hanging business at 83 Wisner avenue. All work guaranted to be satisfactory. Prices very reasonable.
54d1yFeb6 M. C. FREER.

IF You are a hard drinker and wish to stop, but find that liquor has such a hold upon you that you cannot leave it alone, write to G. F. R., Box 101, Wurtsboro, N. Y., inclosing stamp and you will receive full instructions of how to stop.

CHAMBERS, the druggist, guarantees Wild Cherry Cough Cure to cure or money will be refunded. Largest package on the market. Price 25 cents. Get it at the Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street,
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GOOD Barn for rent. W. C. DOYLE,
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FOR RENT—Four rooms, first floor, double house on Wawayanda avenue, well and cistern. Your own price until April 1st.
EDWIN S. MERRILL, Attorney at Law, No. 16 East Main street.

NEW MEAT MARKET.

The undersigned has opened a Meat Market at 124 East Main street, and is now ready for business. A full line of fresh and salt meats, poultry, etc., will be kept constantly on hand. Prices correct. Give me a call.
6dtf E. G. MEDRICK.

WANTED—Agents—$20 a week sure to workers. New goods. New plans. It is a winner. Every family needs it. Sells at sight.
HOUSEHOLD SPECIALTY CO. 43 E. 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio dWedtf

DRAWING OF JURORS.

ORANGE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE,
GOSHEN, N. Y., Dec 9, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that a panel of Grand and Petit Jurors to serve at a Trial Term of the Supreme Court to be held in and for the county of Orange, at the Court House, in Goshen, on the first Monday of January, 1897, will be drawn at this office, on Thursday, Dec. 17, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m.

d13toJan17 W. G. TAGGART, Clerk

SALE!

The undersigned will entertain offers, for cash, for the entire amount of stock, fixtures and tools, etc., now contained in the shop of F. A. Murphy, on Union street, in the city of Middletown, N. Y., December 14th, 1896. The personal property, consists of 2 closets complete, 2 bath tubs complete, 1 urinal complete, 1 range boiler, pipes, fittings and appurtenances, plumbing tools of every name and kind and nature. If the property above described is not sold the property will be offered for sale at public auction, at said shop, at one o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 14, 1896.

Terms cash. For information apply to
MARY DINEEN, FRANK M. DINEEN or
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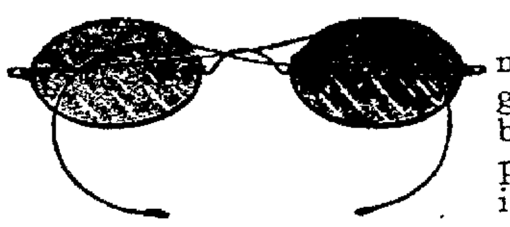

Here is something that will make mother or father or grandparent or wife or husband, or in fact any one happy to get for a X-mas present if they need them, but where must one go to get such an an article and have it properly fitted, guaranteed and at the lowest prices? Why to FRED Moule, the expert eye specialist, for he is headquarters for anything in the optical line. Call and be convinced. Office hours 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Examination FREE.

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